

2 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

The week beginning 7 March all students in Years 7-11 will have an assembly from an outside agency called BURN (Birmingham Rythm Urban Network). This is a charity organisation commissioned with the VRU (Violence Reduction Unit) and works to support all students in Sutton Coldfield Town Centre.

BURN is an organisation who works with young people through various creative projects. To engage and advocate for their safety, opportunities and empowerment for themselves and their families. With the rising rate of anti-social behaviour in the Sutton Coldfield town centre, there has been a response of more police presence in the area. As BURN provides services for young people, they have been commissioned to get involved with the Step Together (chaperone programme). This program is part of a National Home Office initiative which has been run by the VRU.

BURN has been deployed within the area to help engage with the young people who socialise in Sutton Coldfield town centre (near the McDonald's/bus shelters). McDonalds have been very supportive with the programme and have allowed BURN to carry out their workshops in their restaurant. It provides a safe place where young people can engage in activities with educational benefits. Within these workshops they will be hosting quizzes, playing interactive games and giving away prizes to competition winners, as well as buying them food.

This will be a really informative assembly to support the safety of our students when travelling home from school.

Yours faithfully

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