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Dear Parent/Carer

Personal Development Workshop: Thursday 5th March: Year 9

We are writing to inform you of a Personal Development workshop we are offering to all students in Year 9. We are fortunate to be able to invite Desmond Skyers from the St Giles Education Trust to present to our Year 9 students. The topics covered will include raising awareness about people at risk of criminal exploitation, the dangers of drugs, gangs and knife crime and preventative measures young people can take to protect themselves.

St Giles Trust is a charity using expertise and real-life past experiences to empower young people and prevent young people from being held back by poverty, exploited, abused, caught up in crime or mental health issues. St Giles Trust aim to show young people there is a way to build a better future for themselves and those they care about.

We believe it is important in today's society that young people are made aware of the realities of life and therefore we want to ensure we are developing students' personal wellbeing as well as their academic potential at HT.

Desmond Skyers is a highly recommended as a speaker who will deliver a clear and hard-hitting message to all young people about the dangers of becoming involved in risk taking activity. Desmond Skyers has an ability to fully engage his audience, using examples from his real-life experience and total honesty about his life.

If you are interested in learning more about St Giles Trust please look at the link provided below: <u>https://www.stgilestrust.org.uk/</u>

If you have any questions or further queries relating to this workshop please do not hesitate to contact Ms K Johnson (Year Achievement Coordinator for Year 9).

Yours faithfully

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