

1st October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Step In, Speak Up - 17th October 2024

I am delighted to inform you that the Police Performance in Education team will be visiting Stopsley High School on **Thursday 17th October 2024**. **'Step In, Speak Up'** explores child-on-child abuse and the societal pressure that prevents students from being active bystanders. It aims to empower pupils to safely intervene when faced with potential violence against women and girls (VAWG). It will give students the confidence and knowledge to recognise and report potential VAWG. It also explores how to approach friends and peers who are displaying problematic behaviour, as well as friends who may be victims of domestic violence.

The interactive theatre presentation will run in the hall for 1 hour, with an additional, 1 hour follow-up workshop. Step In/Speak Up is designed to:

- Understand what sexual harassment and sexual violence are and why they are unacceptable.
- Help students identify signs and symptoms of sexual harassment and sexual violence in several contexts.
- Enable pupils to feel confident and comfortable to intervene in a safe way when they identify sexual harassment and sexual violence.
- Inform pupils on how to get help for themselves or others when they need it.

We want to help you ensure that the students within our community have the tools they need to stay safe and, to that end, we would encourage you to support and initiate discussions with your child about what they have learnt during the session.

If you have any questions regarding the workshop, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Blanchard directly: bkidney@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk

Kind regards,

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