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Dear Parents and Carers,

RSE delivery – Chelsea's Story, Theatre in Education

As part of the Personal Development and Citizenship programme students look at Relationships and Sex Education. This includes lessons with form tutors as well as additional events which the school arrange. I write to inform you of a forthcoming drama production named 'Chelsea's Story'. This production will be provided by Narrative Alchemy and take place in school on the 9th February 2024. All Year 9 students will attend the event.

'Chelsea's Story' explores the issue of child sexual exploitation (CSE) and related issues, such as on-line behaviour and consent. The performance is age appropriate and is punctuated with discussion by the cast members, exploring the reasons and consequences of the behaviours being shown. At the end there will be the opportunity for students to ask questions.

In PDC lessons before the performance students will be looking at assessing risk and different examples of exploitation with their tutors. They will also be doing follow-up work on the issues raised by the performance. By engaging with this production and lessons surrounding it, students will gain a better understanding of child sexual exploitation including the knowledge and skills necessary to protect themselves from it.

From September 2020 a significant proportion of the PSHE curriculum became statutory for all schools. In a secondary school context, this change covers Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education. The forthcoming production of 'Chelsea's Story' is part of our statutory RSE provision for our students. This important theatre in education event is purchased with a 50% contribution from the school PSFA funding, which we are very grateful for. There is no cost to students for this event.

If you have any questions or concerns about the event, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With thanks for your support.

Annie Bell
Head of Personal Development & Citizenship