



Wellfield Academy

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Dear Parents

We had an excellent first PSHCE Day on Tuesday, with students engaging really well in a range of important topics across the school. Year 7 students managed well with the changes to timetable for their first PSHCE Day and the student feedback is that they enjoyed their sessions.

One of the Year 7 sessions covered road safety ahead of our theatre workshop this afternoon. Actors from a theatre company, Performance in Education, are coming into school to deliver a play on pedestrian road safety for our Year 7 students to reinforce the messages covered in Tuesday's session.

Streetwise is an engaging 60 minute theatre presentation that focuses on the potential consequences of lapses in concentration and risk-taking behaviour around roads, including distractions such as using phones and listening to music, as well as 'messaging about' with friends. During the presentation we see the Year 7 characters being distracted from safe road use, examine the potential consequences and highlight the importance of paying full attention on the roads at all times. The project, delivered on behalf of Lancashire County Council, is designed to change unsafe behaviours and attitudes.

Next week, we will have a further opportunity to educate students on another significant PSHCE topic through Theatre. AlterEgo, one of the UK's leading social change theatre companies, will be delivering an age-appropriate play to our whole school to raise awareness around the issues of youth violence and knife crime. *Breaking the Chain* is a hard-hitting play, without being overly didactic or graphic, but our staff will be on hand to offer support to anyone who may wish to leave the room or discuss anything after the performance.

Please do talk about these plays with your son/daughter at home, as they cover important topics that need to be addressed. If you have any questions regarding the performances, do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office or via enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org.

Yours faithfully

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