



24th March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

'Chelsea's Choice'

During the Deep Learning Day on Thursday 6th April 2017, Year 9 pupils will see a Theatre in Education performance called 'Chelsea's Choice'. It will be performed by AlterEgo, an Applied Theatre specialist company who have toured UK schools with this highly innovative production.

Chelsea's Choice tells the story of a group of three students who find Chelsea's diary. Within it lies the experience of one young girl who, having fallen out with her friends and family, is befriended by an older man, Gary. He owns a car, has a flat and he treats her like an adult. Unfortunately, Gary is not all that he seems to be! Chelsea's story is played out and the three students try, with their teacher, to understand what happened to Chelsea and how it could have been prevented.

The production lasts for 40 minutes and a question and answer session follows immediately afterwards. It has proved to be very successful in raising awareness of the following issues;

- Healthy relationships
- Safe internet use
- Risky behavior
- The grooming process
- Child sexual exploitation
- Where young people can go for help and advice

Child sexual exploitation is a highly sensitive subject and every care has been taken to ensure the production is hard-hitting and relevant without being graphic or offensive. The issues raised are discussed in a manner suitable for Year 9 pupils.

"The Government believes local initiatives like 'Chelsea's Choice' have a key role to play in preventing grooming and exploitation and in helping to keep children safe from this heinous crime." Rohini Krishnamurthy, Child Safeguarding Division, Department for Education.

The production has the full support of Granville staff and they will make sure that appropriate care is available should any of the pupils wish to discuss the issues after the play.

Should you have any queries about this production, please contact Miss Evans (Aspiration Co-ordinator) or your child's Head of House on 01283 216765.

Yours faithfully

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