



23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

## **'Working for Marcus'**

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018, Year 9 students will see a Theatre in Education performance, 'Working for Marcus.' It will be performed by Loudmouth, an Applied Theatre specialist company who have toured UK schools with this highly innovative production.

'Working for Marcus' is a powerful programme on child sexual exploitation (CSE) including online sexual exploitation and abuse by individuals, organised groups or gangs. It is a safe programme which shows how easy it is to be unknowingly drawn into sexual exploitation and equips young people with the necessary knowledge on how to best avoid it or where they can find support or advice. Many schools, health and social care professionals, police and children's support services are using this education programme. Safer South Derbyshire Partnership have kindly funded this programme for all South Derbyshire Schools.

*"Working for Marcus is a brilliantly well-scripted and outstandingly performed piece of theatre which creatively and courageously tackles the issues of grooming and child sexual exploitation in a powerful yet sensitive manner. It is without doubt an excellent vehicle through which to raise awareness of CSE with children, young people, parents/carers and professionals alike." - Lead Practitioner, Barnardo's*

The production lasts 1 hour with a 30 minute workshop afterwards.

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

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

Jo Kingswood  
Principal