



Community College

Dear Year 7 and Year 8 Parents/Carers,

We are excited to share some important information about an upcoming event at Stoke Damerel Community College that we believe is of great significance for our students.

On 2nd November, our Year 7 and Year 8 students will be watching a thought-provoking drama performance that explores the impacts of pornography on young people put together by the NSPCC. It will take place during their curriculum time with Year 7 watch during period 2 and Year 8 period 3

The aim of this performance is to foster open and honest conversations about a topic that young people often encounter in today's digital age. We believe that creating awareness and providing a safe space for discussion is essential for our students' overall well-being and understanding. This will be a focus for a large part of our PSHE work this year.

The play has been developed in collaboration with students to explore young people's experiences of the online world. The drama will be performed by a professional theatre company and tell the stories of three young people and the challenges they face navigating the online world- from exposure to pornography to sharing of images. The performance is followed by a workshop session, led by the theatre's outreach worker where the students will help decide what the characters do next. Through this discussion she will ask the audience to advise the characters on what to do - who to talk to, what to say and also what advice the trusted person should give. This session supports the students to reflect on the scenarios they've seen and apply critical thought to how they might respond or support their peers in certain circumstances.

As a school, we will also be using resources provided by the theatre company and the NSPCC to continue the learning within school and we will be offering sessions for parents both at parents evening and alternative times.

We understand that the subject matter is sensitive, and you may have concerns. Please be assured that the performance is age-appropriate and has been designed to educate and raise awareness rather than sensationalise or provoke.

This event will be an excellent opportunity for your child to:

- Gain a deeper understanding of the potential effects of pornography.
- Learn about the importance of responsible online behaviour.
- Practice empathy and respect for others in a digital world.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this performance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to guide you and your child through this process.

We appreciate your trust as we work together to create a safe and informed environment for our students. Your support is crucial in developing our young people's skills to navigate the challenges of the modern world online.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Kelly', written in a cursive style.

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