



September 2019

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

Safe Drive Stay Alive – Monday 4th November 2019

Every year in the Thames Valley area, dozens of young people are killed or seriously injured on our roads. In 2017, about two thousand young people between 16-19 years of age were killed or seriously injured on Great Britain's roads.

Safe Drive Stay Alive is a reaction to this. Thames Valley Police together with Wokingham Borough Council and 8 other local authorities, Fire & Rescue, the NHS, and South Central Ambulance Service have produced a hard-hitting event seen by thousands of students each year. It is specifically designed to reach young people at the point in their lives when they are about to embark on their driving experience, either as a passenger, a learner, or a newly qualified driver. Since the production launched in 2006, Wokingham Schools have sent over 4,500 students to the event which happens every November.

Safe Drive Stay Alive tells the story of a group of friends enjoying an evening out and what happens when they are involved in a collision, and also what happens with the support services that attend. It gives young people the real life facts about driving on today's roads and the dangers that could be avoided with some care, knowledge and forethought.

There are also some very brave parents who have lost their own children and tell their stories, and others who have themselves been involved or injured in crashes, and explain the wider implications for all those involved to help young drivers understand the consequences and that they are not invincible.

We have booked seats for Year 13 students to attend on **Monday 4th November** at The Hexagon Theatre, Reading. The production will start at 1pm and lasts approximately 1hr 15 minutes. Staff will also be in attendance.

Coaches will collect students from school at 12.15pm and return at 3pm. Travel is being covered by the local authority but we ask you to contribute £1.00 towards the cost of the event. Students should please pay this to a member of The Holt Staff when they board the coach on the day.

As this is a low risk activity during school hours, we do not require consent for this trip. If you have a specific reason as to why your child should not attend, please email our Sixth Form Administrator at j.calliss@holt.wokingham.sch.uk outlining why. Otherwise all should attend.

Yours sincerely

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