**THAMES VALLEY POLICE**

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Dear Parent,

I would like to introduce myself as the Neighbourhood Inspector for Wokingham and am writing to all parents of secondary school students within the borough informing them of a concerning rise in drug and alcohol use by youths within the borough. The neighbourhood policing team are prioritising this issue and are proactively working with schools as well as other partners to deal with the problem. However we felt it was important to contact all parents to raise awareness and to gain your support in keeping the young people within the area safe.

Firstly it is important to stress that this is not linked to any particular school or individuals and we are sending this letter to every parent. We have seen a rise in anti-social behaviour across the area involving young people and many of the issues appear to be linked to drug and alcohol misuse. The drug use appears to be based around cannabis and an increased use of the drug Xanax.

This letter is not intended to frighten you but inform you of the issue and offer advice and support if needed to help keep your child safe. We have attached a leaflet giving advice about drug use and where help and support can be found.

I understand that you may wish to discuss this in more detail and if you have specific concerns I would initially ask you to speak to Ms Royle at school who can then refer you to the appropriate neighbourhood police officer if required. If you have information relating to drugs I would encourage you to report this to the Police directly and this can either be done directly to an officer or by calling 101. Alternatively you can contact Crimestoppers on telephone number: 0800 555 111. Crimestoppers is not part of the police and information passed is totally anonymous.

I thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

*Alastair Lloyd*

**Inspector**
**Wokingham Neighbourhood team**

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