



18th October 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 8 – ‘Give and take’ programme – Tuesday 22nd October 2019

The Holt School work very closely with the company Soulscape, an organisation who ‘help make school a better place to explore life.’

Through Soulscape’s work in the Wokingham area, it has become apparent that young people looking for belonging are being drawn into gangs who deal drugs.

We have been lucky enough to secure Soulscape to deliver the ‘Give and Take’ programme to our Year 8 students on **Tuesday 22nd October 2019**. Students will learn, through creative methods including film-making, dance, music and theatre, about decision making, good friendships, living a positive lifestyle, and addiction and how it affects people’s lives.

THE AIM OF THIS PROJECT:

- To give pupils in schools the tools and inspiration to become more resilient and gain the ability to take more positive life choices in regard to their relationships and activities.
- Aim to inspire pupils towards choosing art and drama activities. Demonstrate positive relationships, role models and decisions. Teach new creative skills and have fun exploring themes in the story/drama.
- We are hoping that they will be able to resist peer pressure and gain self- esteem and confidence

All Year 8 students will be off the timetable on the day and will follow the usual school time schedule.

The day will finish as normal at 3.30pm.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or if you would like to discuss the event further.

Yours sincerely

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