

8 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carers,

Drug Awareness - Tuesday 23 January 2024

The Weald is extremely fortunate to welcome back Dave Parvin from Drug Sense UK to talk to our students, staff and parents on drug awareness. Having worked for many years in the Police as part of a specialist drugs squad, Mr Parvin brings a wealth of invaluable experience and first-hand knowledge. This will be his third visit to us, having last visited us in 2022 with overwhelming positive feedback from staff and students alike.

During the school day on Tuesday 23 January, Mr Parvin will speak to students in years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 where he will talk about the dangers and consequences of drug use. Nationally, the number of secondary aged children who vape has dramatically increased and this will also be covered in the presentation.

Raising awareness with all members of our community, Mr Parvin would also like to invite Weald parents/carers to a presentation that will outline the current risks, raise your awareness of what to look out for and offer you the chance to ask questions. The presentation will take place on the same day in the school hall between 5.00pm and 6.00pm. If you would like to attend the engagement evening, please confirm your attendance by completing this <u>simple form</u>.

This is an excellent opportunity for you to build your awareness of drug crime and I look forward to welcoming you on the evening.

Yours faithfully

Richard Brimacombe
Assistant Headteacher