

“To Know
To Care
To Live”

Friday 8 March 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

As most of you will be aware, there was a tragic incident over the weekend whereby a 17-year-old boy died in Wythenshawe Hospital following a stabbing. Arrests have been made and the Police are making further enquiries into the case.

GMP has put an extra patrol plan in place to reassure the local community and are working hard to encourage a sense of calm, minimise speculation, and offer wider support to all our young people. Your child / ward may have seen an officer at the school gates this week; all Trafford schools are benefitting from this support.

GMP and Trafford/Manchester councils are continuously working with schools to ensure the safety of all students, but I wanted to take this opportunity to reassure you that at Altrincham College we are already addressing the national issue of knife crime within our curriculum.

We have in place a comprehensive scheme of work in PSHE/Citizenship that explores knife crime and the emotional, legal and physical consequences of carrying a knife. In form time we also cover the topic on a rolling programme in order to bolster PSHE/Citizenship provision. Additionally, a group of GCSE Citizenship pupils have been working hard around school over the past few weeks to raise the awareness of knife crime and the consequences it can have, with a particular focus on the legal implications for a young person.

Should you wish to know more about our approach to this topic, other aspects of PSHE/Citizenship, or the steps we are taking to support our young people, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at school.

The PHSE / Citizenship Department will soon be leading a Drug Awareness evening for students and their parents/carers to share information; a letter giving further details will be with you shortly.

Yours faithfully

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