



Hurstmere School

'Believe and Achieve'
'Be The Best That You Can Be'

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Further to my letter earlier this term, I am pleased to inform you we have successfully completed a knife arch initiative in collaboration with the Metropolitan Police, involving all students from Years 7 to 9. This initiative involved students walking through a metal detecting arch before having a bag search conducted by our safeguarding and support staff. This important initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of all members of our school community.

Prior to the event, Mr Lever delivered an assembly advising students of what to expect with a focus on personal safety and the importance of making positive choices. He reinforced the message that our school remains a safe and supportive environment for all students.

I am proud to report that the behaviour of our students throughout was exemplary and commented upon by the police. They engaged maturely and respectfully with both staff and police officers, demonstrating the values we uphold as a school.

For your interest, I have included some photographs of the event and of the contents of the amnesty box which students were invited to use without fear of sanction. From the contents, it is encouraging to see that our boys are fully aware of the implications of bringing into school anything which could harm themselves or others.



We have taken this opportunity to remind students about our expectations with regards fizzy drinks, including sports/energy drinks, chewing gum and aerosols which are prohibited. Roll-on deodorants are permitted. Additionally, any items associated with vaping are prohibited and if found will be treated seriously.

We hope to continue with this initiative sporadically in the future so that Hurstmere continues to be a safe and supportive environment.

With my very best wishes,

Lynn Bennett

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Principal