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Dear Parent or Carer

Thursday 23rd March – TRAP Production – Year 10

As part of our ongoing Personal Development Curriculum, we have been able to secure the services of a production company (Perception Theatre Ltd) to deliver a 1-hour production on the topic and risks related to **Knife crime and youth violence**.

The production is being shown across a number of schools across Warrington and Cheshire and has had excellent reviews from Secondary schools who have already seen the production

Please see below a paragraph taken from the Perception Theatre Website

“From gripping narratives driven by realistic characters and Scenarios, we capture the attention of our audiences and engage them in learning about issues that could one day affect them or somebody that they know. Our work is designed with the community at heart and young people at the forefront of our vision.”

The production (known as **TRAP**) delves into the complex nature of Gang culture, County Lines and Debt Bondage and examines how fear and manipulation can be used to exploit someone. The production also demonstrates how county lines can tear a family apart. A lot of thought and expertise has gone into the making of this production to ensure it is suitable for its target audience. However, please be mindful that this production is very hard hitting.

The script was developed alongside a variety of professionals who work in tackling knife crime such as Merseyside Police and Cheshire Police. Family members of both victims and perpetrators also played a part in helping us shape the narrative and nuances within the story. This has given the overall production a real sense of authenticity.

The production explores the following areas:

- County Lines
- Child Criminal Exploitation
- Debt Bondage
- Gang Culture
- Drug Trafficking: indulging plugging
- Drugs and alcohol
- Where to go for help and advice

The production will be shown to Year 10 on Thursday 23rd March at 11.30am in school.

Please do not hesitate to contact if you have any questions via k Mills@padgateacademy.co.uk or 01925 822632.

Yours faithfully

Katie Mills, Pastoral Leader