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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 8 and Year 9 - In Harm's Way Theatre Production

On Thursday 26 September 2019 we have been lucky enough to secure a visiting theatre group to perform to Years 8 and 9. The 'In Harm's Way' Theatre Production will last 2 hours and will take place instead of lessons 1 and 2 for Year 9, and lessons 3 and 4 for Year 8 in school on this day. Students will participate in normal lessons for the remainder of the day.

In order to be able to run this production, we are requesting a voluntary contribution of £4 per student. Payment should be made using ParentPay which can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.parentpay.com/>. Should you have any issues with your access please contact us on the following email address: parentpay@maidenerleghschool.co.uk. If your child is in receipt of the pupil premium funding they may use their personal budget to cover the charge providing they have sufficient funds. Please email the school office if this is the case.

This important, thought-provoking experience follows the friendship of three Year 9 students over a period of time and explores mental health, coping mechanisms & emotional well-being. Through separate struggles with "self-harm" in various forms including cutting, drugs, alcohol & online relationships; we explore the dangers, consequences and help available for some of these problems. Through professional actors, students are shown how alcohol affects the way people think – their inhibitions, attitude to risk and ultimately their self-control.

This production builds on what students have, and will be learning about, in the PSMSC programmes.

If you have any further questions/concerns then please contact the relevant Head of Year at in@maidenerleghschool.co.uk (Mr A Jones) or cj@maidenerleghschool.co.uk (Mrs J Bhadye) or via the main school switchboard.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jo Bhadye
Head of Year 9

Mr A Jones
Head of Year 8