



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

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Dear Parent/Guardian

### Paul Hannaford

We have been fortunate enough to have been given the opportunity to welcome Paul Hannaford to school on 30 June 2021. Paul is passionate about educating young people and raising awareness of knife crime, gangs, prison, drugs and all that comes with this lifestyle. During his visit he will be talking to students in Year 8, 9, 10 & 12. We will be rebooking for next academic year to talk to our current Year 7s.

Most of you will be aware of many incidents reported in the news regarding young people and knife crime and we hope that this talk supports educating the students at Maiden Erlegh School. To read more about Paul, and the work that he does with young people, please see his website [Paul Hannaford - Community & School Talks - Paul Hannaford](#). Paul is on a variety of social media platforms and is active in sharing his experiences to support the education of young people.

Paul has now educated almost half a million young people around the UK. This stems from his personal experience, where Paul gives an honest and harrowing account of how easily this happened to him from a very young age. He speaks truthfully about the effects this had on his physical and mental health, the damage he caused to friends and family and the immense danger in which he put himself. He will explain how he escaped this world, but of the lasting damage caused by his choices. A raw, honest and hard-hitting tale that will provoke even the most recalcitrant.

We hope that this experience supports all of our students at Maiden Erlegh School.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Gibson  
Headteacher