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Dear Parents/Guardian

Safety Arches

We are writing to inform you that Thames Valley Police attended the school today as part of a pre-planned safeguarding initiative. During the visit, officers worked alongside school staff to use safety arches and undertake proportionate screening of students as they entered the site.

This activity forms part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all students. The use of safety arches is a preventative and educational measure, reinforcing the message that weapons and other prohibited items have no place in our school community.

National evidence suggests that some young people carry weapons because they mistakenly believe that others are doing the same or that carrying a weapon is necessary to keep themselves safe. Initiatives such as today's help challenge these misconceptions by demonstrating that our school is a safe environment and that there is no place for weapons on our site.

We would like to reassure you that this visit was not in response to any specific incident or concern. Rather, it forms part of a series of proactive measures that we undertake in partnership with Thames Valley Police to promote a positive culture of safety, support student wellbeing, and reinforce the importance of making responsible choices.

We are pleased to report that students engaged extremely well with the initiative and no items of concern were identified. We would like to thank our students for their cooperation and maturity throughout the process.

We appreciate your continued support in promoting the safety and wellbeing of our whole school community. If you have any questions regarding this activity, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Yours sincerely



Miss C Burns
Co-Headteacher

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