



2022 Performances at The Middleton Arena

Dear Parent / Carer,

Safe Drive Stay Alive is a road safety initiative that aims to empower young drivers to make safe driving choices. As evidence suggests young people aged between 16 and 25 years of age are more likely to die or suffer serious injury from a road traffic collision, we recognise the importance of addressing this issue with our young people. Safe Drive Stay Alive uses hard hitting performances to inform of the dangers and catastrophic effects of poor driving choices, it involves true stories told by existing emergency service staff and family members who have been directly affected by the tragedy caused by serious road traffic collisions.

This initiative has been delivered since 2014 to a total of over 50,000 young people, and this year, for the first time, we wish to take all our sixth form students to this live theatre-based performance which is held at the Middleton Arena in Manchester. We would like all Year 12 and Year 13 students to attend this trip as follows -

Year 12 – Wednesday 2nd November

Year 13 – Thursday 3rd November

The trip will depart at 8:45am and should return to school by 12:30pm each day. We will be travelling by coach and students should wear their sixth form uniform as normal. The cost of the trip is £5.00 per student, this is available to pay on ParentPay now. If your child is in receipt of the Bursary Fund, the cost of the trip will automatically be covered by this fund, please only complete the medical consent form below.

To register your child and give medical consent for them to attend the trip, please fill out the online form found <u>here</u> and pay the ± 5.00 on ParentPay by Sunday 2nd October.

Safe Drive Stay Alive (SDSA) is an emotionally engaging and thought-provoking road safety education production, put together by all the emergency services, which aims to raise road safety awareness amongst young people and positively influence their attitudes to driving as well as their role as a passenger in cars.

Although we have not attended this performance before, we have been advised that it is emotionally engaging and very thought provoking. Due to the emotional nature of the film, and as a duty of care, we have been advised that if a student has recently experienced a trauma from a road traffic collision or another traumatic event, that students should be given the choice to opt out. If you do not wish your child to attend because of this, please

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indicate this on the online form. Teaching and pastoral staff will be present to monitor the welfare of students as they watch the film and offer any necessary support afterwards to ensure that their wellbeing is cared for. It may also be useful if you discuss any issues the film has raised for them when they return home from school.

If you would like to seek further support for anyone after watching the film, please speak to the Lymm High School Pastoral Team or alternatively you can visit the website of the charity RoadPeace, www.RoadPeace.org, or call their helpline on 0845 4500 355.

At the end of the performance, students will be invited to follow SDSA Greater Manchester on Instagram or Twitter, and to post a road safety pledge or comment on what they thought about the film. They would love to hear about what students learnt, and what they will do to stay safe as passengers or new drivers. If they do so, they will be automatically entered into a prize draw to win £350 of Apple Vouchers. They can follow the initiative at @SafeDriveGM. SDSA will then be able to send road safety messages via our social media accounts to remind young people of the risks and safety tips they have heard about in the film. We will also use follow-up resources to interact with students in small groups and help them explore the issues raised in the film and what this means for them as individuals.

We hope that your child will find the Safe Drive Stay Alive film thought provoking and remember the safety messages in the years to come.

For further details on Safe Drive Stay Alive Greater Manchester, and how you can support the road safety of your child, please visit <u>www.SafeDriveGM.co.uk</u>

Yours sincerely,

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