

Monday 13th November - 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, aiming 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.

Last year we took all students from our Sixth Form to this event, and it was very well received by our students who found it to be eye-opening and informative. This year, we will take all of our Year 12 students to the event at Middleton Area on Monday 13th November.

The trip will depart at 8:45am and should return to school by 1pm. We will be travelling by coach and students should wear their sixth form uniform as normal. The cost of the trip is £6.00 per student, this is available to pay on ParentPay now. Consent and medical information for the trip is required for your child, this must be completed on ParentPay along with the payment. If your child is in receipt of the Bursary fund, please email Mrs Hughes on <u>lhughes@lymmhigh.org.uk</u> to request that the cost of the trip be covered by your child's fund. **Please sign up by Thursday 12th October.**

Due to the emotional nature of the Safe Drive Stay Alive performance, 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 email Sixth Form (sixthform@lymmhigh.org.uk). Teaching and pastoral staff will be present to monitor the welfare of students as they watch the performance 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 performance has raised for them when they return home from school. If you would like to seek further support for anyone after your child has watched the performance, 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.

We hope that your child will find the Safe Drive Stay Alive performance 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 www.SafeDriveGM.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

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