

Dear Parents

Parents Information Evening - Teenagers and Risk Taking Behaviour - Monday 1st July 6.30pm at Tadcaster Grammar School (Main Hall)

The staff and governors of both Tadcaster Grammar School and Sherburn High School were very saddened to hear about the tragic death of a 15 year old girl in Northallerton recently. We know this tragedy has touched the lives of students and the wider school communities at a number of schools in the area and we send our deepest condolences to all family and friends.

While investigations into both the circumstances in this instance and the substance involved are continuing we want to make sure you get access to the help and advice you may need if you have any concerns.

Where you can get advice and guidance

We have attached some information from North Yorkshire Public Health service which advises what parents and carers can look out for and who to go to for help and advice on the following links:

- North Yorkshire HORIZONS free and confidential drug and alcohol service for young people and families 01723 330730
- YORK DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICE 3 Blossom Street, York, YO24 1AU Telephone: <u>01904 464680</u> Email: <u>york@changing-lives.org.uk</u> <u>www.changing-lives.org.uk</u>
- FRANK in confidence on 0300 123 6600 or you can chat online between 2-6pm every day www.talktofrank.com
- http://mentor-adepis.org

If you have concerns about the welfare of your child or another child in the community you should call North Yorkshire County Council's contact centre on 01609 780780, as well as of course informing staff in school.

How to report any information to the police

Where schools receive intelligence about drug use and those involved, we will pass that information to the police.

Parents and carers can be assured that we continue to work hard to support our young people to understand the dangers of drugs and to help them make informed decisions. We all deliver education programmes designed specifically for those purposes.

With this in mind staff have been working together with our local community police officers and other relevant agencies to provide an **information evening for parents and carers** with the aim of offering advice, guidance and information about the risks that do exist for young people in our communities and as they grow into young adults. The evening will cover a range of topics including e-safety, drugs and illegal substance abuse and knife crime. We realise these are topics of real concern for parents and we aim to provide expert and to update advice. We hope you can join us on **Monday 1st July at 6.30pm at Tadcaster Grammar School in the Main Hall.** Please follow the link below and complete the google form to register your attendance at this event https://forms.gle/rAaBBw6MrNg2gysv5

Yours sincerely

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