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Dear Parents and Carers

Challenging Behaviours – a Teenage Health Information Evening for Parents Thursday 30th September 2021 17:30 to 20:00

As parents we are constantly being bombarded with worrying stories about young people's use of alcohol and drugs; the challenges of communicating with them; and the dangers of social networking sites and cyber bullying. Our teenagers face many external challenges and pressures that can impact on their health, well-being and achievement.

In order to help you to support your teenagers, separate facts from fiction and to give you as much advice as possible we have organised an Information evening for parents. We have invited a number of experts who are ideally placed to pass on their professional knowledge and expertise to you.

The evening consists of a series of workshops covering the following topics:

- **Drug & alcohol issues** will be led by Jude Deaman from Motiv8 Service for young people.
- **Communicating with your teenager about Harmful Sexual Behaviour** will be run by PSHE specialist teachers and will provide tips for successfully keeping lines of communication open.
- **Keeping safe online** will be led by Mr Chris Field, Excalibur IT lead at St John's and be focused on tips for ensuring your teenager is safe and secure online.
- **Community issues including 'County Lines'** led by local police officer from Wiltshire Police.

The evening will consist of four workshops in groups on the above topics. The first workshop will start at 17:30 prompt. There will be opportunities for questions.

If you are able to attend, please complete the attached reply slip or complete our online form [here](#). Replies must be received by Friday 24th September. The programme for the evening is subject to change depending on final numbers.

We will be recording the speakers in the sessions and a link will be provided should you not be able to attend in person.

Although visitors to St John's can choose to wear face coverings, please note the following extract from our School Risk Assessment:

Crowded, enclosed spaces - The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet.

We sincerely hope you will be able to attend what we believe is a very important evening for all parents of young people.

Yours faithfully

Maeve McNeill
Assistant Vice Principal



Challenging Behaviours - a Teenage Health Information Evening

Please return the slip to Miss M McNeill, via the Financial Mailbox by Friday 24th September or complete the online form via this [link](#)

I / We would like to attend the Challenging behaviours parents evening on Tuesday 30th September from 17:00

Parents name(s): _____

Student name(s): _____

Tutor group: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

I'm interested in attending the following workshops which I have ranked in order of preference from 1-4 (1 being most interested):

- Communicating with your teenager about Harmful Sexual Behaviour
- Drug & alcohol issues
- Keeping safe online
- Community issues including 'County Lines'