



Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

2 March 2018

FOR THE ATTENTION OF YEAR 8 & YEAR 9 PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware we work closely with West Midlands Police to ensure the safety of our pupils. Many dangerous situations could be avoided by our young people making the right decision and we, as a school, would like to educate and support our pupils in making those decisions at crucial times in their lives. On Monday 5 March we have been lucky to secure, at short notice, the Precious Lives Presentation for your child to participate in. It is a West Midlands Police Community Enterprise and below is a summary of its content.

"The presentation looks at recent youth murders and how everyday young people made a choice which had life changing consequences for so many. It is focused around knife crime, incorporating "Joint Enterprise" but has been adapted to a wide range of audiences covering varied topics from gangs and anti-social behaviour to being more motivated to achieve at school.

The presentation includes Alison Cope as guest speaker. Alison's son, Joshua, was stabbed and murdered in Selly Oak in September 2013. He was well known within the grime music scene as Depzman with over 70 million views of his music videos on YouTube. Alison tells his life story leading up to the night of his murder and how many lives were changed that night by the actions of one person. Alison is 2015 Pride of Birmingham winner."

We would be very grateful if you could maximise the impact of this with your child by talking to them about it when they are at home.

Many thanks for your support in this.

Yours faithfully

Bridget Morris (Mrs)
Senior Assistant Principal

Executive Principal: Mr Anthony Quinn

Head: Mr Thomas Leverage



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