



From Head of Wellbeing: Paul Gooding

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### **Third Year Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Wednesday 24 May**

Dear parents and carers,

Wednesday 24 May sees the annual *Relationships and Sex Education* morning for students in the Third Year. This year we have a live visit from Loudmouth Theatre Company who will present their acclaimed play "*Working for Marcus*". Sexual exploitation and sexual grooming are important issues for schools to address. "*Working for Marcus*" has been used in many schools to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation and to train professionals since 1998. Due to a recent rise in interest in this work and growing concerns about the issues from schools particularly in online safety, Loudmouth have updated this powerful programme to include new research into exploitation through social media, gangs and violence against women, girls and boys. The drama production and workshops help young people to gain a deeper understanding of the grooming process and potential risks. There will also be a live follow up session for students to follow up on the play and ask any questions they might have.

In addition, the students will attend a roundabout of RSE workshops which includes topics such as sexually transmitted infections, contraception, consent, practical use of condoms together with men's health issues. These sessions will be delivered by registered healthcare practitioners and nurses as well as the School Doctor.

If you have any questions about the morning, please email Paul Gooding, Head of Wellbeing on [paul.gooding@abingdon.org.uk](mailto:paul.gooding@abingdon.org.uk)

Kind regards

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