



From: Paul Gooding: Head of Wellbeing

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Third Year Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Wednesday 15 May

Dear parents and carers,

Wednesday 15 May is the annual *Relationship 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 has 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 include topics such as sexually transmitted infections, contraception, consent, together with men's health issues. Registered healthcare practitioners will deliver these sessions as well as the School Doctor and our own RSE trainer Natalie Hunt.

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

Many thanks and best wishes.

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