



ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers

Community Safety

At St Catherine's College, the safety and wellbeing of our students is our top priority. As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring that every student feels safe and supported both in and outside of school, we are pleased to announce that we will be working in partnership with Sussex Police over the coming year on a number of initiatives aimed at safeguarding and educating our students.

This collaboration will involve a range of activities designed to promote personal safety, community responsibility, and positive decision-making. Throughout the year, Sussex Police will deliver a series of education sessions that will cover important topics such as personal safety, online safety, and the importance of community involvement. In addition to these group sessions, there will be opportunities for students to engage in smaller group work and, where appropriate, one-to-one support to address specific issues. As part of these efforts, a knife arch will also be brought into the school to help raise awareness about the dangers of carrying weapons and to promote a safe environment.

Furthermore, we will be supporting Sussex Police with key initiatives focused on pressing societal concerns, including knife crime, substance use, bullying, and overall community safety. These issues are of great importance to all of us, and we believe that by working together, we can help our students navigate these challenges with confidence and resilience.

We will keep you updated as these initiatives develop and provide further details of the sessions as they are scheduled. We are confident that this partnership will benefit not only our students but also the wider community, ensuring that St Catherine's College remains a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support, and please feel free to contact me at kguppy@stcatherines.college if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully

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