



**ST. CATHERINE'S**  
**COLLEGE**  
A CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 28 March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

**Important Information**

We hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well.

We are writing to inform you that there has been a recent incident in our local community, in which a young person not associated with our school, was reportedly seen carrying a knife. Although this did not take place on school grounds, we understand that such news can be concerning for families. We want to reassure you that we are working closely with local authorities to ensure the safety of our students. We also continue to maintain a staff presence at the school gates at the end of each day.

We take matters of safety very seriously and therefore wanted to notify you as soon as possible. We encourage all parents and carers to have open conversations with their children about personal safety. If your child has any concerns regarding weapons or safety, or if you need further guidance, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Guppy, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, via 01323 469438 or [kguppy@stcatherines.college](mailto:kguppy@stcatherines.college). You can also visit the [Sussex Police website](#) for more advice, or report anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

By working together, we can continue to ensure that our community remains a safe place for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher

Sophie Thomas  
Head of School

Kerry Guppy  
Designated Safeguarding Lead

*"I have come that you may have life and have it to the full" John 10:10*