

Dear Parent/Carer

17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Year 10 Guiding Young Minds Presentation – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020**

The Guiding Young Minds (GYM) Team are currently visiting schools across the Midlands to increase youth awareness of knife crime, gang involvement and the risks involved. They are a team of trained mentors with experience of working with young people, some of the team have first hand-experience of the gang culture. They aim to relate and interact positively with young people, and in doing so reduce the chance of them becoming involved with local gangs and so putting themselves at risk.

The team are going to be coming into school on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January to present an assembly to Year 10. The aim is to present facts around the dangers of gang involvement and knife crime, to answer questions and promote discussion; with the objective of discouraging young people from becoming involved in high risk activity or behaviour.

At lunchtime, on the same day, the GYM youth bus will be available to students to visit. This will provide a safe space where individual students can drop in and talk with a team member about any further questions following the presentation.

If you have any further questions about the presentation do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours faithfully

**Hannah Pickering**  
**Year 10 Progress Leader**