

Dear Parents

We are very fortunate to have the organisation 'Artswork' coming into school for all Year 7 students as part of their Education for Life curriculum. Sessions will run on Friday 17th November, Wednesday 22nd November, Wednesday 29th November and Friday 1st December. Artswork's mission is to prevent young people becoming involved in gangs and youth violence by equipping them with tools, knowledge and support to recognise and resist attempts to groom them into gangs. Their award winning approach gives young people the knowledge and tools to stay safe and make positive choices.

All students will take part in two 1 hr workshops over the four days in their tutor groups. This is an innovative new programme which will enable students in Year 7 to explore some of the challenges they may face now or in the future and give them the skills they need to make healthy decisions. The programme also will give Wildern staff the tools needed to support our students in developing the critical decision-making skills that they will need to make informed choices and supporting them should they find themselves in challenging situations. This programme also supports schools in our statutory duty to deliver RSHE which enables informed decision making, particularly when faced with risks, challenges and complex situations (DfE, 2021).

The workshop compliments the statutory RSE guidance, links in with the Education for Life theme of Living in the Wider World for this half term and gives students the opportunity to learn more about these issues.

If you have any questions or do not wish for your child to take part please do contact Mrs Thomas before the day on the school landline or email.

Mrs K Thomas
Assistant Head