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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Drug and Addiction Talk

On Wednesday 24 January we have invited Simon Leigh to give a talk to parents on drugs and addiction. Simon qualified with a Masters Degree in Addiction Counselling and runs a private practice in Harley Street, London. Simon's expertise has led to regular work with the BBC (both television and radio), and he is a regular contributor to broadsheet newspapers and medical journals.

The talk is open to all parents and will take place in the Old School from 5.00pm – 7.00pm. The information will be beneficial to parents of boys in all years; particularly as the latest UK research shows that 20% - 25% of 11-15 year old children in the UK have tried illegal drugs. That figure doubles for 16–24 year olds.

The evening presentation will discuss addiction, alcohol and drug use amongst young people. The internet enables young people to access misleading and often dangerous websites relating to drugs. Attending the presentation will provide useful information to promote open discussions at home. Simon will also discuss new drugs that are becoming widely available, including the ever increasing number of "legal highs".

Simon has received positive parent feedback from schools he has visited:

"I found Simon's talk authentic, touching, and informative. Simon shares his vast professional and technical knowledge with his audience in a very approachable way, making his talk very useful for parents. I strongly recommend it" Parent, City of London School

"I was in the audience last night when you spoke to Year 7 and 8 parents and wanted to say a warm thank you for your very useful and frank talk. It gave us as parents a real boost in knowing that we need to prepare for some real conversations on the drugs issue, and some very helpful pointers on how to do so. I very much hope the Headmaster will bring you back next year." Parent, Harrow School

I would be grateful if you could return the reply slip to the School Office by Monday 22 January if you would like to attend. I should also point out that the evening session is designed for parents and your son should not attend. We have arranged for Simon to deliver a series of talks to students as part of the PDC programme. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding the workshops.

Yours sincerely,

J A Dixon
Deputy Headmaster

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Return to: School Office or email: admin@kings.lincs.sch.uk by Monday 22 January 2018

**Drug and Addiction Talk -Wednesday 24 January 2018
5.00pm – 7.00pm in the Old School**

Pupil's Name: Form:

- I would like to attend the Drug and Addiction Talk for parents on Wednesday 24 January between 5.00pm and 7.00pm in the Old School.
- I would like 1/2 seats (please circle). []

Parent's/Guardian's Signature:

Date: