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Maths &
Computing

Our Ref: SHE/SA

Every day is a learning day

5th April 2017

Dear Parent

Raising Awareness around Child Sexual Exploitation – Year 9

On Tuesday 25th April, as part of the school's Personal, Social and Health Education curriculum, we will be welcoming a theatre group, 'Alter Ego', into school. They will deliver a 40 minute performance, entitled 'Chelsea's Choice', aimed at raising awareness amongst young people of the issues surrounding child sexual exploitation. I am sure you will be aware of several high profile child sexual exploitation cases which have featured recently in the media.

The play has been seen by over 200,000 young people and hundreds of professionals and has proven highly effective in:

- Raising awareness of healthy relationships
- Promoting safe internet use
- Identifying risky situations
- Raising awareness of the grooming process and the differing forms that it can take
- Raising awareness of child sexual exploitation and the differing forms that it can take
- Sign-posting relevant services

I am sure you will agree that education in its broadest sense is about much more than examination results and that this kind of external input is extremely valuable if we are to send our young people out into the world well equipped to meet the challenges it may present.

The production has the full support of Cumbria Constabulary and the Department for Education. "The Government believes that local initiatives like 'Chelsea's Choice' have a key role to play in preventing grooming and exploitation and in helping keep children safe from this heinous crime." – *Rohini Krishnamurthy, Child Safeguarding Division, Department for Education.*

However, if you would prefer your child not to take part in the day then please contact Mr Ford, Pastoral Leader for Year 9, so that we can make alternative arrangements.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Hewson
Deputy Headteacher