

17 March 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

ROAD SAFETY PRESENTATION – TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2023

Year 12 and 13 students have been invited to attend the annual 'Learn2Live' road safety presentation on Tuesday 21 March, 11:30 – 12:45 at South Dartmoor Community College. Road safety is a vital area of education and should be covered by all students - we are therefore expecting all Year 12 students to attend this session, as well as Year 13 students who have not previously engaged with the provision. The Learn2Live events are aimed specifically at Years 12 and 13, who are likely to be learning to drive or taking lifts with peers who are newly qualified. In the United Kingdom, young people between **17 - 24 years of age** are over-represented in road traffic collisions that result in fatalities and serious injuries. Very often the most severely injured parties are passengers who are catching a lift with peers.

Learn2Live road safety events are designed to educate 16 - 19 year olds about the ways they can keep themselves and others safe on the roads. The events are 60-70 minutes long, and during this time facts, tools, and examples of mitigating risks in real life situations are explored with the students. They will see videos of young people enacting positive and safe scenarios thereby avoiding risky situations on the roads. Students will hear from specialists from the police, fire service and ambulance trusts about the realities of what the risks are for young drivers and their passengers, what the consequences of those risks can be, and how to realistically avoid them happening. They will also hear from members of the public who have personal experience of road traffic collisions. The main themes covered are: speed, fatigue, inexperience and in car distractions, as these are proven areas of highest risk for this age group.

During the event there will be some discussion of real-life road traffic collisions, but L2L have designed their events to make sure they contain as little hard-hitting material as possible. There will be staff to provide any necessary emotional support both during the event and afterwards within our education establishment. However, if you feel that, because of personal circumstances, your son/daughter should not attend this session please let me know by email:

aslater@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk.

If you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can find out more information about Learn2Live by visiting the website www.learn-2-live.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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