



Dear Parent / Carer

Learn2Live Road Safety Event – Monday 18th November 2024

October 2024

All Year 12 students will attend the annual 'Learn2Live' road safety presentation on Monday 18 November during the college day at the Riviera International Conference Centre. Road safety is a vital area of education and should be covered by all students. 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.

The Learn2Live programme has been delivered to young people across the South West since 2008; over that time, it has been kept under constant review. The most recent academic review was completed in April 2023, the findings of which were presented to the Learn 2 Live partnership in June 2023. This has resulted in wide-ranging changes to the Learn2Live presentation. These changes align with the latest developments in behaviour science. The revised presentation will be more interactive and aims to improve the audience's awareness of why young, newly qualified drivers have an increased risk of collision involvement. The presentation consists of a short introduction followed by three modules covering; decision-making and impulsive behaviour, inexperience, age, impairment – (drink/drugs/tiredness and fatigue)

This more interactive and targeted format does not allow for testimonial accounts about road traffic collisions. Whilst we have always seen these as valuable, the evidence is that this type of approach is not as successful and may be counter-productive with some groups by increasing their anxiety and making them more fearful about learning to drive. For these reasons, the format now uses a more positive approach. During the event there will be no discussion of real-life road traffic collisions. However, if you feel that, because of personal circumstances, your son/daughter should not attend this session please let me know by email – kmccarthy@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk by Monday 11 November.

Consent and transport contribution

A consent form to enable your child to attend this event with us is available on their ParentPay account and must be completed by Monday 11 November. To ensure that all students are able to attend we are not charging students for transport to and from the event. However, if you are able to make a voluntary payment contribution of £2.50 to support the cost of the provided transport, there is an option to do so on your child's ParentPay account.

You can find out more information about Learn2Live by visiting the website www.learn-2-live.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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