



Blackwater Integrated College

Building Inspiring Caring

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To: Parents/Guardians Yr9 to Yr12
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Chelsea's Story

The Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland is bringing a peer education play to Blackwater Integrated College on Monday 11th February.

This play, Chelsea's Story is aimed at young people 12 years +. It is a powerful and innovative production highlighting the very serious and emotional issue of the exploitation of children and young people. The production shows how young people, boys and girls, are groomed by adults for the purposes of exploitation using various methods, ensnaring young people and eventually taking complete control and dominating their whole lives.

Students will gain a better understanding of the devastating impact that exploitation has on a young person's life. It will raise awareness of this issue and hopefully give them some skills and knowledge to be able to protect themselves from this sort of abuse.

Chelsea's Story is a hard hitting, 45 min drama followed by a 15 min post-show talk that has proven to be highly successful in raising awareness around the sexual exploitation of children and young people.

It looks at a range of issues including what makes a healthy/unhealthy relationship, safe internet use and sexting, consent, the grooming process and where to go for help and advice

All students in years 9 to 12 will be watching the performance and staff will be available to talk with students if they have any questions about the issues raised. Students will be given a leaflet after the production which will provide them with advice and information of where to go if they have a concern.

If you have any concerns or questions about this performance, please speak with myself before Monday 11th February.

Colin Jones
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