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Dear Stantonbury Families,

We are pleased to announce that on Tuesday 16th April, we have one of the UK's most powerful and hard-hitting Anti Knife Crime presentations coming into our school https://thejjeffect.org/

Unfortunately Knife crime is an issue within our society today that we cannot ignore. The Office for National Statistics has revealed that knife crime has risen by 5% in the year to September 2023, with a total of 48,716 offences.

In Milton Keynes, Thames Valley Police have stated that all recorded knife crime is down 4% across the whole Thames Valley in the year up to October 2023. That's 1186 offences which have been recorded across the force between 1 October 2022 and 31 October 2023, a reduction of 55 offences when compared to the same period the year before.

Although the numbers are coming down, we think you would agree that they are still too high. This is why we have invited Byron to come and deliver this special presentation for Year 8, 9, 10 and 12 students. Selected Year 11 and 7 students may also be invited to attend.

As it is known to be hard hitting, we are taking precautions to ensure our students can be effectively supported during and after the event. This includes a safe space for students to go to and form time discussion activities etc following the performance.

Thank you for your continued support of Stantonbury School. If you have any questions or queries about this event, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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