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Miss Sylvia Thomas – Principal of Banbury Aspirations Campus

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Dear Parent/Carer

For those of you who had children at Banbury Academy in 2017/18 you will remember that I was working with several local agencies, including the police, on tackling a range of issues that are happening out in our community. We had planned to have the knife arch in school along with the drugs dog prior to the summer holidays. However, as you will recall I had to write to you to let you know that the knife arch was broken.

Our collaborative relationship with these agencies continues and has strengthened this year in light of the increasing number of reports of anti-social behaviour of young people from across the town. If you come to the campus you will have noticed blue police signs around the local area saying that there was a “police operation” in and around our neighbouring streets. This was initiated by me, in liaison with the local force, because I want to ensure that your children are able to come to a school that you know they will be safe in, and that they are safe to walk to and from.

In addition, we have now managed to secure the new knife arch that the police force have purchased and an operation to search all students who attend our campus will be taking place before Christmas to prove that we don't have the issue of young people carrying weapons that is all too sadly prevalent elsewhere in our community. It is highly likely that the drugs dog will be on site too on the same day. I will obviously feedback on the police operation.

Can I also take this opportunity to explain why there has been no Weekly Word for the past few weeks. The member of admin staff who was responsible for the publication left for a new role and her replacement is starting work next week. Weekly Word editions will therefore resume publication on Fridays from the 14th December.

Yours faithfully

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