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Miss Sylvia Thomas – Principal of Banbury Aspirations Campus

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Dear Parent/Carer

For a number of years now we have commissioned Applied Theatre specialists AlterEgo Creative Solutions to perform the play, 'Chelsea's Choice', in school to our Year 10 students.

The play - which has now been seen by over 250,000 young people around the UK - tells the story of a group of three students who discover the diary of a girl called Chelsea. Chelsea was a young girl who, having fallen out with her friends and family, was approached by a man called Gary. Gary was older, owned a car, had a flat and treated her like an adult. Unfortunately Gary was not what he seemed to be! Chelsea's story is played out and examined by the three students along with their teacher in an attempt to understand what happened to Chelsea and how it could have been prevented.

The 40 minute production and post-show Q&A have proven highly effective in raising awareness of:-

- Healthy Relationships
- Safe Internet Use
- Risky Behaviour
- The Grooming Process
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Where young people can go for help and advice

Child Sexual Exploitation is a highly sensitive subject and every care has been taken to ensure that the production is hard-hitting and relevant without being graphic or offensive. The issues are raised and discussed in a manner entirely relevant and suitable for the target age group.

“The Government believes that local initiatives like ‘Chelsea’s Choice’ have a key role to play in preventing grooming and exploitation and in helping keep children safe from this heinous crime.” - Rohini Krishnamurthy, Child Safeguarding Division, Department for Education.

With high profile cases around the country currently making the news on a regular basis, it is all of our duties to raise awareness of this subject. Councils, charities, support agencies, schools, parents and carers all need to engage with and acknowledge this issue in order to give young people the tools and knowledge that they need to keep themselves and their friends safe.



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The production will take place on Thursday 4th July and will have the full support of the School Nursing Service as well as our own Safeguarding Leads in school who will make sure that the appropriate care is in place should any of the young people wish to discuss the issues in the play afterwards.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the production please contact Elaine King, Welfare Manager, who will be happy to set your mind at rest.

Kindest regards

Sylvia Thomas
Principal of Banbury Aspirations Campus