

Dear Parents/Carers,

13th December 2024

I am writing to update the school community with regard to the matter of the street robberies.

After having a week mercifully free of street robberies, there was an attempted robbery of one of our Year 11 students at Oliver's Yard on City Road this morning at 8.25 am. It was witnessed by a member of our staff who was on duty in that area. The police were called, they arrived very quickly and our understanding is that the single culprit involved has been apprehended by the police. Thankfully, the CFBS student involved was physically unharmed.

We are continuing our work to do all that we can to maintain the safety of our students:

- Through the provision of safety advice to parents and carers – please see attached a letter sent on the 2nd December.
- Through street safety assemblies for all of the students.
- Individual safety plans for students where these are required.
- Working with the police to have as much coverage of the area around the school as possible, both at the opening and closing of the school. In the incident referred to above we were joined at the scene by 4 uniformed officers and a plain clothed officer, all of whom had been operating in the area.

Specifically with regard to the start of school, the school gates open at 8.30 a.m. and we would ask all students, if at all possible, to arrive between 8.30 a.m. and 8.50 a.m.. We will be asking all of the students to enter school as soon as they arrive in the vicinity of the school. If a student does need to arrive before school opening time, can parents contact their directors of learning and we will arrange for the student to access the school early.

We are working with the parents/carers, the police and the local authority to develop and deliver a plan that further supports the safety of the students:

- Development of local businesses 'safe havens' where students can go into if they feel threatened.
- Further work on identifying the safest routes for the students to use to and from school.
- Ensuring a police officer, known as a Safer School Officer, that the school had working in the school for over a decade, is now re-assigned to the school.
- Working with the police and the council to ensure that the local area has the necessary coverage in terms of police officers and CCTV cameras.
- Working with parents/ carers to continue to identify actions that can be taken to maximise the safety of the students.

The school is very appreciative of the work carried out by parent/carer groups to support the school in maximising the safety of the students.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Brownhill
Headteacher