Dear Parents / Carers / Professionals

**Re: Youth Crime Awareness Evening – Monday 27th January 2020**

In response to the growing national youth violence crisis, and a rise in reported knife-related crime across the country, Hertfordshire Constabulary and the local Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) are working with local schools. We invite parents/carers, young people and professionals to a Youth Crime Awareness Evening, following on from our work with the students as part of our Peace Week events.

During the evening there will be presentations from a number of professionals working in the area of youth violence, they will provide a local context and raise awareness for parents, young people and professionals on a number of topics including:

* Knife crime
* Gang culture
* County Lines
* Social media exploitation
* Positive choices
* Staying safe
* Exploitation of young people
* Impact

It is hoped that these events will in turn be hosted by different schools and venues across the local CSP. The next evening will take place on **Monday 27th January 2020, between 6:30pm and 9:15pm** at Bushey Academy, London road, Bushey, WD23 3AA.

The evening is open to local parents, young people and professionals both connected to education in Watford, Bushey / Three Rivers as well as those from other neighbouring local authorities/areas. Those wishing to attend are asked to email WHTYouth@herts.pnn.police.uk , with details on number of seats required and if you are a parent / professional, an officer will then be able to confirm space.

If you are a parent, please specify which school your child attends. If you are a professional organisation, please state the organisation’s name.

We very much hope that you will be able to attend this awareness evening.

Yours faithfully

Matthew Phillips

Watford Chief Inspector

Hertfordshire Constabulary