



18th June 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

We would like to extend an invitation to an event at Newsome High School, as part of our ongoing Safeguarding Practice. We have been fortunate enough to secure a visit and presentation on the 25th of June 2018, from Noel Williams, who works for the Centre for Social Justice.

Noel is a young man who has been through the Criminal Justice System (CJS), spent time in gangs, witnessed serious crime and spent time in custody. He is now studying Social Sciences – Sociology, politics and governmental studies at University of Bedfordshire in Luton. He works as a freelance consultant offering techniques and strategies to help professionals and parents deal with young people who are affiliated with gangs.

Noel is heavily involved with a number of boards and committees including Peer Power Board, Youth Safety Action Board, as well as being on the standing committee for the Youth Justice Board and the Parliamentary Commission on Youth Justice. Noel is evidently at the heart of shaping effective change within the CJS and we look forward to his visit.

The event will cover his story on how he successfully exited a life of crime, specific techniques and strategies to support young people and a Q and A session. He will speak with individual Year Groups throughout the day before finishing with a presentation to parents from 2pm whilst 3pm. If you are interested in attending this event please complete the reply slip at the bottom of the page.

We have been fortunate enough to witness Noel in action earlier this year when he delivered an informative and inspiring talk to the Youth Offending Team. Several staff and students attended the talk and they stated that *"He is extremely captivating and motivating"* and that *"Every Student, Teacher and Parent should hear his story"*.

If you wish to discuss this further then please do not hesitate to contact Newsome High School.

Thank you for your continued support with Safeguarding at Newsome High School.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Lunn
Associate Leader for Safeguarding

Reply Slip:

I will be attending the Noel Williams session from 2pm – 3pm on 25th June 2018.

Name of Parent: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of Student: _____