



14th March 2023

Dear parents and carers,

We have a packed programme of learning and exam preparation planned for Year 11 pupils over the next two days. We have been impressed with the effort that pupils have been putting in, and the progress they are making.

As part of the programme, and a break from the very intense academic sessions, we have secured an external speaker called Paul Hannaford to run a session with pupils on Thursday 16th March.

Paul is a writer and public speaker who has overcome huge challenges to leave a life of drug use and crime behind him. For the past 10 years he has been doing award winning work in the community to inspire and motivate young people. He is a highly engaging speaker, and this will be a fascinating, thought provoking and age-appropriate experience for pupils.

I'm sharing a link to his website so you can learn more about him before his session on Thursday. <https://www.paulhannaford.com/> Please have a look, and if you feel strongly that this session is not right for your child, use the link below to let us know.

<https://forms.office.com/e/FqWXwhrjF9>

I hope you will feel comfortable allowing your child to attend this session. Paul has spoken at our other schools and the feedback has been positive.

Kind regards,

LORNA CHANDLER.

Principal