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Information for Parents and Carers - Safer School Partnership

Dear Parent/Carer,

One of the benefits of being part of the Harris Federation is the opportunity to hear from the other school leaders in our group about the ideas and initiatives that have the most positive impact on students. Some other Harris Academies have, for many years, been signed up to a **Safer School Partnership (SSP)**. These partnerships, which are widespread in schools throughout the country, are a collaboration between a school, the police, and other local agencies. The other Principals I have spoken to say this is an effective, practical, and positive way to keep students safe, both inside school and outside school.

While our Academy is a calm and safe environment for students, our young people and families are, rightly and understandably, worried about the level of crime on our streets and across London. I am delighted that PC **Marcus Kudliskis**, who has worked with other Harris academies for the past 18 years, is going to support our Academy in relation to evening home visits from the start of the new half-term.

Known as '**PC Marcus**' to students and staff, he is friendly, approachable, knowledgeable and currently works with other Harris Academies in Southwark. PC Marcus will work with staff and students to promote the importance of remaining in education, actively learning, with each child achieving their full potential. Where students are particularly vulnerable, for example if they are not attending school regularly, or if there are welfare or safeguarding concerns, PC Marcus will help work through the issues in a positive and constructive manner, liaising with students, staff, and families.

As part of this, he will conduct home visits outside normal working hours, for those families who cannot meet in school or who are not available during the day due to work/other commitments. This is a supportive measure and parents, and carers should feel free to request a home visit if they have concerns. In any school, whatever the context, the reality is that there will be children at risk of crime, or at risk of becoming offenders.

As a community, we want to do all we can to stop this, so that our students have happy childhoods and can go on to lead fulfilling adult lives. We will work closely with PC Marcus to achieve this and know he has had a very positive impact at other Harris academies.

If you have any questions about the scheme, please contact me on info@harrisscienceeastlondon.org.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Taylor
Principal