



**WC: 12/06/2023**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been really saddened by the news in Nottingham this week. The police have sent us a statement that they would like us to share with parents and carers.

'After the awful events in Nottingham City Centre yesterday, there may be some pupils, especially from the BME community that are feeling nervous and anxious about repercussions to them and their families as speculation around the suspect circulates on social media

It is important to stress to pupils and staff that this was an act of a lone person and at this time, there are no indicators that this was an attack that was committed due to ethnicity, immigration status, religion or ideology.

Please also reinforce to students that there is a lot of speculation on social media and the news regarding the suspect and this information is often false to generate a backlash'

Our School and Early Intervention Officer (SEIO) is available if any pupils, particularly from the BME community, wish to speak to them about the matter, he will be able to offer support and to identify and report back for the community impact assessment any issues and concerns, they have.

### **Year 11 – Leavers update**

On Tuesday 20th June we will be holding our Year 11 Celebration Event. All Year 11s are expected to attend, as this is their final opportunity to say goodbyes to all staff and pupils. It is also the time for shirt signing, leaving one another with a final keepsake. Year 11s and Year 11 team have requested that all come in school uniform on the day but will need to bring a shirt and pen with them.

The event will begin at 1pm, so all pupils should be in school for this time. Below is an outline of the timings for the event:

12:30-1pm - Arrival

1pm - Line up to be seated in Lecture Theatre

1pm-1.20pm - Speeches and Tutor awards

1.20-2.20pm - 'The Last Dance' a video of our 5 years together

2.20-2.55pm - Afternoon tea in the canteen, shirt signing and photo backdrop

In addition to this, we would welcome any donations of uniform. If you have any ties or blazers or PE kit that you are happy to part with, then please leave them at reception on the day.

### **Prom:**

If your child is attending Prom, please ensure you have made provisions to pick them up at the end of the evening as we do not have any capacity to bring them back to school. An email of food choices will be sent to your child, which they are aware of. Any other questions, please do not hesitate to email [gmahi@nusa.org.uk](mailto:gmahi@nusa.org.uk) We cannot wait!

In addition to this, we would welcome any donations of uniform. If you have any ties or blazers that you are happy to part with, then please leave them at reception on the day.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your support and cooperation during this exam period and throughout your child's time at NUSA. The last 5 years have been tumultuous, and your child has shown real

strength and resilience in making it to this final point. We are incredibly proud of them all and wish them all the best in their futures!

### Coming up at NUSA:

SEND drop ins – Please contact reception to make an appointment for 28<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July if you need to discuss your child's SEND needs

Year 11's leavers celebration – 1-2:45pm – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Year 11 Prom is on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Year 10 Work experience – week commencing Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Sports day – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

### Safeguarding corner:

This weeks safeguarding corner comes from 'Catch 22'. An organization who look to reduce Child Exploitation and grooming.

## CHILD CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION - HOW DO GANGS RECRUIT AND COERCE YOUNG PEOPLE

Catch22 believe that children involved in criminality are victims first. Groomers exploit young people and force them to commit crimes. The stages below outline the pattern of exploitation we have seen in our Child Exploitation services:



### 1. 'FRIENDSHIP'

The groomer or gang builds a friendship with the young person and make them feel like a valued member of the group. They'll often give them money, gifts and lifts in their car. They usually also supply them with alcohol or drugs. At this stage the young person may enjoy the sense of freedom and lack of rules, they may also begin to feel a sense of belonging within the gang. Over time, many young people begin to see this group as family.



### 2. TRUST

Once the young person feels part of the group, the groomer begins to give them responsibilities. This could be something like holding a package overnight –and they'll be paid about £50 for doing a task like this. This makes them feel like the group trust them. The young person may feel in debt to the group gang "for everything they've done for them", and they'll begin to enjoy and get used to the money they're being given.



### 3. THREAT

At this stage the group may start asking the young people to carry out serious crimes. If the young person refuses, the group will then threaten the young person.

These threats could be to the young person themselves, to their friends or to their family. By this stage the young person is entrenched in the criminal group, and they will almost certainly have witnessed violent acts committed by the gang. They will understand that threats of violence are not empty threats, and are likely to do what is asked of them.

Levels of threat can vary depending on which area of the country the young person lives in. Typically, the more established criminal gangs are in the area, the more violent the threats to the exploited young person are.

### Type of crimes a young person may be forced to commit:

- Holding firearms for an organised crime gang
- Carrying and using firearms or knives
- Supplying, sourcing class A-C drugs
- Involvement in planned harm to others
- Shooting and causing violence to others
- Planning and carrying out burglaries
- Damage of community or properties
- Mugging or street robbery

Have a lovely weekend,

