

25<sup>th</sup> January 2018

JCO/VLU/SafetytofromAcademy

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Safety on the way to and from the Academy**

I am writing to ask parents/carers for their help to ensure that all young people are safe on the way to and from the Academy.

Unfortunately, an incident has been reported to us of a masked member of the public approaching a student after 5pm in the underpath/walkway at the roundabout. This has been reported to the police. The police have advised us to share this information with parents/carers and remind students to make their way home in lit areas, share the route they will take and if possible walk with friends rather than alone.

The Academy is open for students until 5pm Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4.30pm on Fridays and students are welcome to work in the library or on the first floor plaza of their College whilst waiting to be collected by a parent/carer. Students should leave the Academy by 2.30pm on Wednesdays unless a prior arrangement has been made.

I have also received an email from Arriva bus company reporting concerns about our students' safety in the community on and around the buses. Students are walking in the road not the pavement, climbing over railings along the busway and standing right at the edge of the kerbside which is causing the bus drivers to pull up leaving a huge gap between the bus and the kerb.

We will be speaking to students in assemblies reminding them of how to keep safe but we need your support in this too.

Thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of College if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours faithfully



Julia Collins  
Academy Principal

