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## Dear parents

I'm writing to inform you that unfortunately, we had a report of a threatening incident in Horsham Park this week. One of our students was chased by a group of young men with hoods up and faces covered, who claimed to be carrying a knife. Although shaken by the incident, we are hugely relieved that he escaped the situation unharmed. The police responded promptly, increasing PCSO presence in and around the park, and college staff were on duty at the gates to warn students to avoid the park as they left the campus.

Whilst there have been a number of changes to improve safety in the park over the past year, the incident this week is a reminder for all members of our community, to prioritise their safety in and around college.

## Key advice:

- Stick to well lit public spaces
- Remain in groups if possible when travelling to and from college
- Avoid having your phone obviously out
- Make a note of your phone's IMEI number to be able to lock the phone if it is stolen.

Students - Please help us keep the campus free of intruders by ensuring your lanyard ID is visible at all times, and don't bring anyone on site who isn't a member of the college community.

Thank you as always for your support.

Kind regards

Andrea John Vice Principal (Pastoral)

