

Dear Parents and Carers,

Charlie's Promise - Knife Crime Assembly

We pride ourselves on ensuring that our students are educated on a wide range of diverse subjects so that they are well prepared for challenging life issues. In light of recent incidents in schools, and the continued prevalence of knife crime in the UK, Seahaven will be using a range of approaches to educate students about the dangers of knife crime—both carrying a weapon and its use.

On Friday 9th January, we have invited Martin Cosser, CEO and founder of the organisation Charlie's Promise, to lead assemblies for our students. Martin's son, Charlie, was sadly a victim of knife crime and lost his life at the age of 16 in 2023 after attending a party with friends. While Charlie was on life support, his dad made a promise to do everything he could to raise awareness of knife crime and the immeasurable harm it causes to victims, their families, and their friends.

Martin will be delivering assemblies to students. These assemblies will be age-appropriate but will inevitably be hard-hitting. You may wish to discuss the topic with your children beforehand, as well as talk through any emotions they may have afterwards.

Alongside the assemblies, our PSHE curriculum will allow students to explore this issue further and reflect on their thoughts and questions following the presentation. PSHE lessons will also cover the law surrounding knife crime and how best to keep yourself safe.

As a school, we cannot shy away from educating students about real-life events, and I am confident that the assemblies and related PSHE work will be invaluable to students' understanding and life experiences.

If you would like further information on Charlie's Promise, this can be found here:

[Charlie's Promise | Working to prevent knife crime](https://charliespromise.org/)

www.charliespromise.org

Kind regards,
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