

# BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE

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Principal: Kate Evans

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Dear Parents/Carers

Our message to you on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, following an incident which occurred at the end of lunchtime on that day, explained that a member of the public had come onto school premises at the end of lunchtime and that the incident was attended by the police who are actively investigating what happened. We have been in constant contact with the police who assure us that all is being done to bring their investigation to its conclusion.

Following a briefing with all staff before school on Wednesday morning, form teachers were able to reassure their form groups of the facts as we know them: that a young person, unknown to us at the college, came onto the front of the college site, crossed the car park, engaged with a number of students near the drama studio, attacked one of them and threatened others. The youth then left the site.

Some of you may be aware of today's press report related to what has happened. Unfortunately, there are a number of inaccuracies in that report and in addition there are a number of inaccurate stories and rumours circulating amongst students and on social network sites. I would urge you to disregard these and approach myself or a member of the College Leadership Team if you would like anything clarified.

The sole concern of all our staff remains, as always, to ensure the safety and well being of all our students. I am confident that everything possible was done on Tuesday to bring about a safe, calm and orderly afternoon and end to the day. Since then, we have been extra vigilant around the site and a Police Community Support Officer has joined our duty team at the front of school during lunch time. The students are to be commended for maintaining a calm and purposeful atmosphere both in and out of lessons and, rest assured, we shall continue to be vigilant and supportive of them.

Thank you for your continuing support at this time.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs K Evans**  
**Principal**

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