

Our Ref: BCH/lw/2017-18/010

10<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Your son or daughter will be attending a new and thought-provoking event called the 'What if...?' Roadshow. The aim of the roadshow is to safeguard young people from the physical and psychological harm caused by a road traffic collision. It aims to empower all of us to be safe and sociable road users. We as a school have taken part in this for the past two years and have found it very beneficial especially as our students are at the age of learning to drive etc.

The audience will be shown a film, detailing the story of two young men who were involved in a 'crash' in the Forest of Dean. They take us on a journey, exploring their emotions and presenting the harsh realities after the incident. Alongside the film will be on-stage testimonies from:

- All three emergency services
- Hospital staff
- People who have lost a family member in a Road Traffic Collision (RTC)
- Drivers who have been prosecuted
- People living with the lifelong consequences

These accounts are moving and explore the emotional and personal tragedy that people involved in a RTC encounter. Students who have seen the show will be more aware of their personal vulnerability and accountability as riders, drivers and car passengers. The intention is to have a positive impact on future attitudes and behaviour for road users.

If a student has been involved in an RTC the film could create an emotional trigger. There is support available from trained staff in the theatre. The student should make themselves known to staff if they are having a problem by raising their arm so we are able to help.

The roadshow will take place on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** at EDF Energy, Barnwood, Gloucester. Transport will be provided and we will depart at 11.50 and return to school at 2.35. (a packed lunch will be needed to eat on the coach). The project is funded and supported by a number of agencies including the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Gloucestershire Road Safety Team, Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service, Gloucestershire Constabulary, Great Western Air Ambulance Charity and Severn Major Trauma. You will not need to contribute to the cost of your son or daughter attending the Roadshow.

If you have any questions, please contact the Project Manager André Bovington at [andre.bovington@glosfire.gov.uk](mailto:andre.bovington@glosfire.gov.uk) from the Road Safety Team.

Because of the sensitive nature of the content, we felt it was right to inform you. We would like **ALL** year 12 students to attend this however, if you feel that this could be too sensitive for your son/daughter, please contact Mrs Wright on 01453 540710. Please return the permission slip below by **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**.

Kind regards



Mr B Cheeseman  
Assistant Headteacher | Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form

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**"WHAT IF.....?" ROADSHOW – FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

I give permission for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the "What if...?" Roadshow on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Signature ..... (parent/Carer)                      Date .....

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**Please return slip by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at the latest**

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