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### **Knife Crime Talk – Alison Cope – Year 7**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you about an important and thought-provoking talk that will be taking place at our school for Year 7 pupils on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025. We are privileged to welcome Alison Cope, a renowned speaker who dedicates her work to raising awareness about the dangers of knife crime following the tragic loss of her son, Joshua Ribera. This forms part of our Personal Development Programme which aims to equip pupils to make the best possible choices in their future.

Alison Cope's talk will focus on the devastating consequences of knife crime, highlighting the misconceptions that carrying a knife provides protection when, in reality, it increases danger. She will also explore the significant role that social media plays in influencing young people and the risks associated with it.

This hard-hitting and impactful session will encourage our Year 7 pupils to think critically about their choices and understand the far-reaching consequences of knife crime, not just for victims but also for families, friends, and entire communities.

We believe that this session will be an invaluable opportunity for our pupils to engage with such an important issue and gain a deeper understanding of personal safety, responsibility, and the wider societal impact of violence.

If you have any questions or concerns about this talk, please contact us via [postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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