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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware that, as part of your child's educational experience at The Roundhill Academy, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal Development (PD) education. This gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

As part of this programme, on Friday 12th February 2021 at 1:15pm, we have arranged for a speaker to talk to our Year 11s about making positive life choices.

The session will be delivered by Paul Hannaford, who is an extremely inspirational speaker, who supports and guides young people all over the UK in making positive life choices even against adversity.

The presentation will last for one hour with a 40-minute talk from Paul and then students will have the opportunity to ask him questions. Paul will speak from his experiences about the importance of making positive choices in life and the consequences of making negative ones. He will present his life story, which will highlight how his once normal childhood and dreams of playing football professionally spiralled out of control at around the age of 16 as he began making wrong decisions. He will speak of the consequences of his choices and the many years of gang involvement, which then led to drug and alcohol addiction and ultimately a prison sentence. Paul will highlight how he has turned his life around from this situation to become a positive role model to young people.

Paul Hannaford will be presenting live to Year 11 on this theme of making 'Positive Choices' via Microsoft Teams. The link will be shared nearer the time and will also be sent to their school email on the day.

Thank you very much for your support,

Yours sincerely

Laura Kyle
Head of Careers and Personal Development