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Dear Parent/Carer

We are working with The Wiltshire & Swindon Road Safety Partnership to educate Wiltshire & Swindon's students about their actions and possible consequences as drivers or motorcycle riders.

Arrangements have been made for the 'Safe Drive, Stay Alive' Roadshow to be shown to your child at the Empire Cinema at Greenbridge on <u>Wednesday 18th September 2019</u>. Coaches will collect students from school at 12.30pm and collect them from Greenbridge at 2.30pm, in time to arrive back in school to leave at 3pm as usual. During the screening, they will watch a video reconstruction, real life accounts from serving members of the police, fire and medical services and those directly affected by road traffic. This is why the show is successful: it is delivered by real people with real stories to tell and, as such, it's a highly emotional experience.

We recognise there is perhaps no time more worrying for parents than as their children begin to become drivers, and for good reason. It is a tragic fact that young drivers are statistically very much the most at risk.

- Last year in Thames Valley and Hampshire an average of 4 young people per week were killed or seriously injured.
- Young drivers are much more likely to be involved in a crash on the roads, often due to inexperience and a lack of knowledge of the risks.
- Around 1 in 4 deaths on the road is aged 17-24.

Attendance to this event is part of our Personal Development curriculum. All students within the Swindon area will attend. Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact Miss Davis in the year office before **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**.

Yours sincerely

Miss K Winwood KS4 Director of Progress

Miss M Davis Year 11 Progress Leader

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