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Dear parents and carers

Tomorrow, Croydon's leading mentoring service, **"MENT-4"** will be delivering inspirational assemblies to Year 9 and 10 on the **dangers of gang culture and exploitation**. The sessions will be facilitated by MOBO Award-winning musician, **Still Shadey**.

Luke Peters (aka Still Shadey) is an inspirational speaker and Senior Director at MENT4, who has first-hand experience of the dangers surrounding gangs, knife crime, and county lines. At 16, Luke was exploited into the world of drug trafficking, but through resilience and professional intervention, he overcame these challenges and has since made it his life's mission to educate and guide young people away from risky and harmful paths.

In this impactful presentation, Still Shadey will share his personal story and provide a real, unfiltered look at the dangers of gang culture and exploitation. Through this heartfelt testimony, he aims to deglamourise these topics, offering practical tips for young people to recognise grooming and manipulation, as well as the severe consequences of involvement in illegal activities.

The session will also include key takeaways about making positive life choices, resilience, and seeking support from trusted adults.

We hope this session will be an invaluable opportunity for Student(s) First Name to learn about critical issues affecting our community today in Redhill, but also the importance of early intervention and support.

If you have any questions, please let me know (kmccarron@carringtonschool.org).

Best wishes

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