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Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

**Re: A Safe and Happy Halloween & Bonfire Night – A Message from West Midlands Police and Kings Norton Girls' School**

As the darker nights draw in and students become excited about the upcoming Halloween and Bonfire events in our local community, we want to take this opportunity to remind our students about the importance of keeping safe and behaving responsibly in our local community.

At Kings Norton Girls' School, we are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all our students. As part of our safeguarding arrangements, the school has a two-way information sharing agreement with West Midlands Police and is an active member of the local Police & Schools Panel. This partnership helps us to intervene early to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour involving young people, and to ensure that students receive up-to-date advice and support.

In collaboration with the police, we would like to remind all students of the following key points:

- Anti-Social behaviour - Halloween can be an enjoyable time for many, but it can also be distressing for others, particularly the elderly or vulnerable. Please think carefully about how your actions affect others. Only visit homes that are decorated for Halloween — these households are inviting visitors. Avoid knocking on doors or playing tricks where this may cause alarm or upset.
- Personal safety – be aware of your surroundings and stay with friends or family. Keep valuables such as smartphones, watches, and headphones out of sight where possible and parents/carers are encouraged to activate device tracking features such as 'Find My' (Apple) or 'Find My Device' (Google/Android) for added security.
- Avoid alcohol, illegal drugs, or unknown substances – these can have serious consequences for your health, safety, and future opportunities. Further advice around this can be found at [www.talktofrank.com](http://www.talktofrank.com).
- Social media – use social media positively and respectfully. Remember that online behaviour can have lasting consequences and that any inappropriate or harmful content can be traced, which may lead to disciplinary or legal action. Protect yourself from online exploitation and think before you post.
- Off-road bikes and E-scooters – off-road bikes can only be ridden on private land with the landowner's permission. Privately owned e-scooters are illegal to use on

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public roads and pavements. You must be at least 18 years old and hold a valid licence to ride a hire e-scooter legally.

## If You Need Help

If a student finds themselves in a situation where they need help or advice, they should speak to a trusted adult — at home or in school. Crimes can be reported to West Midlands Police via 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers at 0800 555 111 or [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org). If a crime is in progress or someone is in immediate danger, call 999.

Thank you for supporting us in reinforcing these important messages. Together, we can help all members of our community to enjoy a safe, positive, and respectful Halloween and Bonfire Night.

Warm regards,

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