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Dear Parents/Carers

As part of our personal development and keeping safe programme, we have invited the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation in to school to speak to our Year 12 students on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

The DSM Foundation is a drug and alcohol education charity that was set up by Fiona and Tim Spargo-Mabbs in 2014 after their 16-year-old son Daniel died following an accidental overdose of ecstasy. The aim of the charity is to support young people to make safer choices about drugs. As of summer 2024, the Foundation was working with students, teachers, parents/carers and professionals in around 800 schools, colleges and community organisations, mostly in London and the South East of England where the charity is based, but also more broadly across the UK and beyond.

The Foundation speaker will be telling Dan's story and covering the following:

- The effects and risks of drugs and alcohol
- Factors that affect their decisions about drugs and alcohol, including teenage brain development and the role of peer influence
- Drugs and the law
- Practical strategies to help young people stay safe.

To find out more about the DSM Foundation, please visit [www.dsmfoundation.org.uk](http://www.dsmfoundation.org.uk). The website also has a designated area for parents and caregivers which includes specially written content covering all of the topics that are included in workshops for young people, and additional materials on specific substances and other related topics such as parties, festivals, healthy coping strategies and more.

Finally, please do ask your child about the talk and what they heard and learned. It's a great opportunity to start or continue conversations about this important topic – and if it feels awkward or tricky, there is advice on how to broach the subject of alcohol and drugs and manage what can feel sometimes like an uncomfortable conversation at [www.dsmfoundation.org.uk](http://www.dsmfoundation.org.uk) too. If you do not wish your child to take place in the talk please email [6thadmin@hayes.bromley.sch.uk](mailto:6thadmin@hayes.bromley.sch.uk).

Kind regards

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