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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Here at Holly Lodge High School, we have always enjoyed a very good working partnership with West Midlands/Sandwell Police and in particular the Officers and PCSO's that come into school to support and work with our students.

West Midlands/Sandwell Police have been working hard to develop their offer to schools, and the good news is we now have a dedicated Schools Link Officer for Smethwick who will be working with ourselves, Shireland Collegiate Academy and Sandwell Academy. PC Mike Bromwich is now in post and we are really looking forward to working with him.

It's really important that as parents/guardians you understand that PC Bromwich is not in post because there are particular problems with crime in any of the 3 schools, including Holly Lodge High School. He will of course deal with incidents of crime on the rare occasions they occur. However his role will be predominantly working with the safeguarding and pastoral teams to ensure the school and our students are supported where there is risk or vulnerability. The main aim is to reduce incidents of violence, prevent exclusion and support with positive intervention opportunities. He will also be responsible for raising awareness of key issues that affect young people such as knife crime, County Lines and exploitation and will be supporting staff in delivering activities about these and other topics throughout the academic year.

When he is in school, PC Bromwich will be visible to all our staff and students and will also be available to speak and meet with parents, either in school or at home. He may also be present at some parent's events, should you wish to meet him there.

Our aim, as a school and Police partnership, is to ensure that all our students benefit from having the best education we can give them, and that school is both an enjoyable and safe place for them to be. PC Bromwich joining our team will help us in our efforts to achieve that.

If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact me or PC Bromwich and we'll be only too happy to have a conversation with you.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Shone
Headteacher

