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25<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our commitment to delivering a comprehensive and relevant Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) programme, we have invited Tic-Box Productions to Lonsdale School to perform their production of BOY. This play was performed here for pupils several years and audience feedback was extremely positive. Therefore, we are delighted they will return on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

BOY tackles homophobic, transgender and identity-based bullying and is suitable for young people in Key Stage 3 and above. These are themes that are also addressed in our PSHE lessons and we feel that the production will complement and enhance the learning that is already taking place at Lonsdale.

BOY's story follows the journey of Joe and his three close friends as a seemingly harmless in-joke moves from 'banter' to something much more sinister after an incident at a party, resulting in a tragic escalation of events with life-changing consequences for all involved. The performance is interactive, where young people actively explore important issues relevant to them and 'try out' solutions in a safe atmosphere. The company know our school and pupils well and are able to adapt aspects of the play to the needs of our pupils.

Lonsdale teachers have carefully selected the pupils who they feel would benefit from the experience and will complete some preparation work around themes of the play in PSHE sessions beforehand. If you are receiving this letter, your son or daughter has been invited to attend the interactive theatre performance on 18<sup>th</sup> October.

You can find out more about the play and the company at <https://theatreinspiringchange.co.uk/boy/>

If you have any queries or concerns about the performance, please contact either Mrs Thiele ([cthiele@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk](mailto:cthiele@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk)) or Miss Small ([ssmall@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ssmall@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk)).

Yours faithfully,

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