

15th November 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Recent incident at Cannock Stadium, Pye Green

I am writing to provide you with an update regarding the incident that occurred yesterday morning over at The Stadium. Several students were threatened by an unidentifiable youth prior to the academy day commencing. As soon as we were made aware of the incident we immediately contacted the police and officers were deployed to search the locality. A police officer arrived at the academy to speak to, and subsequently take statements from, a number of our students affected by the incident.

The students were safe upon arrival at the academy and thankfully no one was injured in any way. The academy was not, 'on lock down', as has been reported. The situation was worsened, in terms of communication, as the whole telephony system (internal and external) went down. Wave 9, our providers, had engineers working tirelessly to fix this for our school, and all of the other schools nationally, to which they provide service.

A police officer, from Staffordshire police, has been into the academy today to provide an update and I wanted to share this with you. A youth was arrested yesterday and remanded in custody. Following an interview under caution he was charged with several counts of robbery and was due in court today to face these charges. I have been reassured that the police are doing all in their powers to stop this youth being allowed back into the local area due to the nature of his crimes.

The safety of our students, your children, is paramount. The police acted swiftly yesterday and we were really pleased they have provided us with this update today.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

R. Hillier
Mrs. R. Hillier
Principal