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Dear Colleague,

We hope you had an enjoyable summer break. This Autumn's issue is packed full of interesting features including a special feature on anti-social behaviour.



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Our aim must be to work with all our partners to reduce anti-social behaviour and improve the service to victims, with the aim of creating strong, safe and healthy communities.

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Police & Crime Commissioner for South Wales –
Rt Hon Alun Michael JP, FRSA

Special Feature

Anti-social behaviour

The Crime Commissioners for all 4 forces in Wales share a common priority of working with partners to prevent and reduce instances of ASB.

Working in collaboration with schools across Wales; the All Wales School Liaison Core Programme offers lessons that help pupils understand what anti-social behaviour is, its impact on people and the consequences to those who carry out this kind of behaviour.

The **Police & Crime Commissioner for Dyfed Powys**, Christopher Salmon said,

“The key to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour is prevention.”

The **Police & Crime Commissioner for Gwent**, Ian Johnston acknowledges the need to...

“... work with partners to prevent ASB in our communities.”

In Wales anti-social behaviour is dealt with by local Community Safety Partnerships. When complaints of anti-social behaviour are made, they are dealt with by a staged process (usually 4 stages) of letters and warnings.

Initially a warning letter may be sent. If this fails, a home visit or face to face meeting may follow.

If anti-social behaviour continues the Community Safety Partnership could ask the wrongdoer to sign an Acceptable Behaviour Contract or ABC. This is a written agreement where the wrongdoer agrees not to engage in specific acts, like throwing stones, or going to a particular place. An ABC usually lasts 6 months.

The final stage is the Anti-Social Behaviour Order, commonly known as an ASBO. This is a Court Order which contains a list of activities the perpetrator **MUST NOT** do. These may include; being out after a certain time, being with a certain person or going to a certain place.

ASBOs last between 2 years to the rest of your life.

If someone breaks an ASBO then the Police will arrest them and take them to court. At court they may be sentenced to up to 5 years in prison. A breach of an ASBO is a criminal offence.



The Government has resolved to change the way young people (aged 10 to 17 years old) are dealt with by the Criminal Justice System. The aim is to keep young people out of the court process and to benefit both the victim and the suspect.

As a result, from 08/07/13 onwards young people who are suspected of minor offences will be dealt with in the following 3 ways:

- Community Resolution
- Youth Caution
- Youth Conditional Caution

“ We will continue to develop the use of restorative justice and community resolutions to help ensure the views of victims are heard and that offenders realise the true impact of their activities on others. ”

Winston Roddick, the **Crime Commissioner for North Wales** CB, QC

Schools' officers are trained to facilitate restorative meetings and will be able to support your school with this good practice.

Community Resolution

Community Resolution is a non-statutory alternative way of dealing with **less serious crimes**, allowing police officers to use their professional judgment when dealing with offenders. It can be used for offences such as low level public order, criminal damage, theft, and minor assaults. Community Resolution will enable victims to have quick resolutions and closure to their crime. Offenders will receive speedy justice and there will be reduced bureaucracy for police officers.

Youth Cautions

Youth Cautions are formal warnings used when it's not in the public interest to prosecute an offender aged 10-17.

Youth Conditional Cautions

Youth Conditional Cautions are Youth Cautions with appropriate conditions attached. Any conditions applied must be:

- **Reparative** (e.g. apologising to the victim, paying compensation and making good any damage);
- **Rehabilitative** (e.g. attendance at a treatment course); &/or
- **Punitive** (e.g. fines for damage and unpaid work).



School Officers can deliver assembly presentations called Be A Nice Guy to KS2 and KS3/4 – The assemblies explore staying safe and avoiding ASB on Halloween & Bonfire Night



Halloween & Bonfire Night Assemblies

“ Anti-social behaviour is... any behaviour that you think may upset someone and is wrong or against the law. ”

Definition used by the All Wales School Liaison Core Programme



Drug in the spotlight!

News about Khat!



Checkout
www.schoolbeat.org
for more drug info!

Facts

Khat is a herbal substance that comes from a flowering shrub native to northeast Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. The leaves are chewed producing a stimulant effect, which is similar to but less intense than that of Cocaine or Methamphetamine. Used mostly in Africa, it is becoming more common in the UK, particularly in some immigrant communities.

Effects

- Chewing it can make a person feel more alert and talkative and can produce feelings of elation
- It can suppress the appetite
- Some users say it produces a feeling of calmness or being 'blissed out'

The Law

Khat is now a class C controlled substance from Wednesday 3rd July 2013.



PMA Alert

PARAMETHOXYAMPHETAMINE or **PMA** is an ecstasy like substance associated with a number of recent deaths in the UK. The tablets of particular concern do not have the same effect or take effect as quickly as an Ecstasy tablet. Users may believe they have taken a 'weak' Ecstasy tablet, when they have actually taken a tablet containing this highly toxic substance. They may then be tempted to take more tablets to achieve the desired effect, increasing the risk of a potentially fatal overdose. **PMA** is a class 'A' drug.

About Black Mamba

Black Mamba is a **Class B** herbal product containing synthetic cannabinoid AM-2001 and Oleamide (sleep inducing acid).

There's a strong chemical smell in the packet but when smoked there is no distinct odour.

Described as having hallucinogenic type of effects, vomiting, loss of control, and breathing difficulties.

Psychosis is reported by users online.



What's happening?

AWSLCP Quiz

A crime prevention, health and safety quiz for year 8 pupils.

- Local Round – 20th November 2013
- Regional Round – 17th December 2013
- National Round – 6th February 2014

Coming Soon!

14th October

National Personal Safety Day

18th – 22nd November

Anti-bullying Week

Please see your School Community Police Officer to arrange presentations for your school

Primary Teacher Conference

North Wales – 23rd January 2014

SE Wales – 28th January 2014

SW Wales – 30th January 2014

Supporting the teaching of:

- Drugs & substance misuse
- Domestic abuse
- Internet safety

To avoid disappointment book your place now!

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Remember

all Core Programme lessons have teacher follow up work available online at our website:

www.schoolbeat.org





Playing Safe

Foundation Phase

Using a variety of visual aids, props and a story, the lesson helps pupils to identify safe places to play and reinforces the importance of always telling a trusted adult where they are.

No Means No!

KS4

This lesson introduces the concept of consent and develops strategies to empower young people to understand sexual consent. Pupils watch a DVD clip to trigger group discussion around sexual consent, the law and its consequences and explore scenarios to enable them to make informed decisions. The lesson also highlights local and national support agencies.



Friend or Foe

Lower KS2

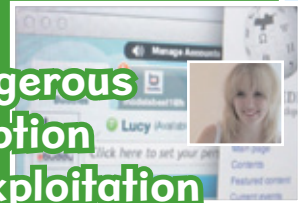
The aim of the lesson is to identify people you can trust. Pupils are shown DVDs of life situations and in groups are asked to discuss strategies to keep themselves safe. The lesson also highlights who children can talk to if they need help or support.

New Lessons Safety Strand

Dangerous Deception Sexual exploitation

KS4

Based on a real life event, a DVD is used to describe the story of a girl called Lucy who is groomed by a man who contacted her on the Internet, posing as a Model Agency. Lucy soon becomes a victim of sexual exploitation. Using discussion and interactive activities the lesson focuses on identifying the early warning signs that all is not well and encourages pupils to discover opportunities to make positive choices and keep safe.



Picture This

Upper KS2

In this lesson pupils learn about the positive uses of mobile phones. Through discussion and use of interactive resources, pupils explore the consequences of mobile phone misuse, how to avoid things going wrong and who can help.



* Safer Relationships lesson has moved from KS4 to KS3