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## **Safeguarding Parent Newsletter - Friday 13 October** **Latest advice and guidance for parents and carers**

### **Great Wyrley Academy Safeguarding Team**

The Great Wyrley Academy Safeguarding Team has been trained to an advanced level on all aspects of safeguarding. The team is available to any student, parent or school staff member to discuss and report any safeguarding concerns.

**Designated Safeguarding Lead:** Mr M Rehman

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:** Mr D Fielder, Mrs M McCarthy, Mrs J Foyle, Mr J McFarlane, Mrs S Herrington, Mr J Studholme, Miss C Jackson, Mrs C Chin, Mrs V Smith

### **Overview**

Welcome to our latest edition of the Newsletter from the Great Wyrley Academy Safeguarding Team. Our aim is to bring you all the latest, relevant help and advice on issues that we feel will be of importance to you.

At Great Wyrley Academy, both staff and students are trained and educated in many areas of safeguarding. Staff are informed of the signs and symptoms to look for and be aware of, that could be an indication that there is a concern and how to report concerns. Students are given appropriate information into safeguarding topics and given strategies on how to stay safe.

This issue will cover: The dangers of teenage vaping.

## Mental Health - World Mental Health Awareness Day 10th October

In all of the Year Group assemblies this week, Mr Fielder, the Senior Mental Health Lead for Great Wyrley Academy delivered a presentation regarding the importance of mental health and wellbeing to all students. Tuesday 10th October was the World Mental Health Awareness Day and this was the driving force behind the timing of these assemblies. As part of this global day the World Health Organisation declared that: ***Recognising mental health's significance is crucial because just like our bodies, our minds need care too. When we understand and take care of our mental health, we can feel happier, more confident, and better able to handle life's ups and downs.***

Students were then reminded that Mental Health and wellbeing is taken very seriously at Great Wyrley Academy and that the Academy monitors that each student has a “go to” member of staff (known as Trusted Adults or Emotionally Available Adult) to speak to.

## The Presentation delivered to students

The following link is the full version of the edited presentation delivered to students by Mr Fielder this week in all assemblies. The hope is you may find the contents in this presentation useful for your own Mental Health and wellbeing and/or to support your child/children.

[World Mental Health Day 2023](#)