

September 2008

Dear Parents

**ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE SEMINAR ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – 7.00PM.**

Merchant Taylors' is a high achieving school and encourages its pupils to maximize their ability.

As our children mature it is very important they are made aware of the pitfalls that may occur. Growing up is a challenge in itself but family problems, self-esteem concerns and peer pressure can affect impressionable young people. No matter how sensible or confident your child, it is a sad indictment of today's society that they will at some stage be offered drugs, cigarettes and alcohol.

As a Parent Teacher Association we think it is essential that all parents are aware of circumstances which may lead to drug and alcohol abuse and tell-tale signs of that abuse starting.

Following our highly successful seminar on 'internet safety' we have organised a seminar on drug and alcohol abuse.

The evening seminar for parents will be presented by Karen Richardson. Karen's daughter was a high achieving girl in a good school who made some wrong choices and eventually became a heroin addict. Karen and her daughter (who has recovered) are now set on preventing other children making the same mistake and will cover all aspects of abuse from smoking to drug addiction.

Your daughter will also be attending seminars run during the day by Karen, each seminar being tailored to the age of your daughter.

Please take the trouble to attend as it is important you have enough knowledge to discuss this with your daughter and stop any minor problems becoming something greater.

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**REPLY SLIP FOR ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE SEMINAR**

**To be returned to Mrs Baccino, PA to Headmistress, by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

We/I are pleased to accept the invitation for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm.

We/I are/am unable to attend.

Pupil Name .....

Signature of Parent or Guardian.....Date.....