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Dear Parent

## RE: Safer Schools Programme

We are writing to you regarding the recent work that the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, alongside the Metropolitan Police Service, has been doing to drive down knife crime across the capital. Knife crime is a key priority for the Mayor and the Metropolitan Police. The Mayor's Knife Crime Strategy was launched in June 2017. It seeks to provide a demonstrable and long lasting impact for our most disproportionately affected communities and young people.

At GNSA, we work closely with our Safer Schools Officer to build community links with the Metropolitan Police and drive down the crime rate in the local area. Safer Schools Officers play an integral role in schools supporting efforts to reduce the impact of knife crime through enforcement, intervention and preventative work.

At some point in the Spring Term, the Safer Schools Officer and other members of the Metropolitan Police will set up a knife arch at the front of the school. The purpose is to make sure that no student is in possession of any weapon when entering the school grounds and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our students. **We have no concerns regarding knife crime at GNSA and this is purely a precautionary exercise to show our commitment to reducing knife crime across London with the Metropolitan Police.**

**We are fully aware that some students wear the Kirpan for religious reasons and allowances will be made for them on the day. Those students will under no circumstances be asked to remove their Kirpan by the police or any members of staff.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr T Perryman  
Assistant Principal (Student Support)

