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Dear Parents/Carers

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

You may be aware of social media posts circulating publicly which reference a number of Hackney secondary schools, including our own. Some of these posts encourage confrontation between Year 9 students after school. This behaviour is completely unacceptable and does not reflect the standards we expect.

I want to reassure you that we have responded immediately and decisively. Yesterday and today, Year 9 students have been spoken to directly and reminded of our clear expectations, particularly in relation to conduct at the end of the school day and travelling safely home.

Senior and pastoral staff will be highly visible at the end of the school day, both outside the school and within the local area. This includes extended patrols along Mare Street and surrounding routes to ensure students leave safely, conduct themselves appropriately, and have trusted adults available to speak to should they have any concerns about their journey home.

I would also like to reassure you that no issues were reported at the end of the school day yesterday. As a precaution, we will continue to maintain a high visible presence today and tomorrow to ensure students leave safely and are well supported.

We are working closely with the Police, the Local Authority and other Hackney secondary schools to ensure a co-ordinated and preventative response. The safety, wellbeing and orderly conduct of our students remains our highest priority. We will continue to monitor the situation carefully and act immediately if required.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at enquiries@cardinalpole.co.uk, or speak directly with your child's Head of Year, who will be happy to support you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Hall
EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

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