



19 September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Knife Angel – The National Monument against Violence and Aggression

We have arranged for our Year 9 and 10 students to visit the Knife Angel monument whilst it is on display at Rochester Cathedral for the duration of September 2019. Students are invited to attend a one-hour session, taking place on **Thursday 26th September 2019** and visiting the Rochester Cathedral from **12:15pm - 1.00pm**.

During their **free** session, students will:

- view the Knife Angel, which is made out of 100,000 surrendered or seized knives from the UK;
- look at some of the facts regarding knives (e.g., 99% of young people do not carry a knife);
- explore some case studies of those that have died;
- be given the opportunity to tie a ribbon onto a wire 'peace angel';
- watch a 6-minute video of a victim's mother talking about forgiveness;
- sign a 'pledge book' pledging not to carry a knife, which will be presented to the Prime Minister.

This is a very useful and innovative way of raising awareness of issues relating to violence and aggression, giving students the knowledge to be able to protect themselves and others.

Rochester Cathedral will be providing **free** transport both to and from the Cathedral.

Students will arrive back to the Academy in time for lunch as usual.

To guarantee a place for your child, please return the slip below to Student Services by **Monday 23rd September 2019**.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Pullen
Designated Safeguarding Lead



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**Thursday 26th September 2019
Rochester Cathedral**

Student Name: _____ Form: _____

- I give permission for my child to attend Knife Angel
- I do not give permission for my child to attend Knife Angel

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Parent/Carer)



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