



## St. Ninian's HIGH SCHOOL

Scoill Ard Noo Ninian

Our Ref: DBE/LK

21<sup>st</sup> January 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian

### Re: Year 8 Drop Down Day – Exploitation

We are delighted to inform you of our first PSHE Drop Down Day for Year 8 will be held on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.

'Drop down days' are days in which students experience a range of workshops and activities provided by experienced guest speakers from the Department of Education, Sport and Culture (DESC) and other external agencies. The aim of the day is to provide and educate students in various aspects of PSHE, an introduction to vital 'life skills'. Agencies holding sessions on the day are:

- **Kensington Arts** – A local drama organisation whose mission to support and develop creative expression through the community: <https://kensingtonarts.im>
- **Isle Listen** - A charitable initiative providing support and training in schools for the importance of communication: <https://islelisten.im/about-us>
- **Motiv8** - A non-judgemental support service educating young people to find a healthy balance of gaming when going on-line: <https://www.motiv8.im>
- **IOM Constabulary** – Local community police speaking about positive behaviour in the community: <https://www.iompolice.im/>
- **IOM Financial Crime Partnership** – established with the Financial Intelligence Unit to combat financial crime.

DESC are also working with Crimestoppers this year to promote their 'Fearless' service, which enables young people to report information about a crime anonymously. Presenters may also share information about Fearless in their sessions.

**Please refer to the enclosed leaflet for further information regarding the content of the sessions.**

Students will be required to wear their normal school uniform and will need their stationary in their bags. They will not need to bring any other books as normal lessons will not take place. It is expected that all students attend and make good use of the discussions, workshops and time away from their usual timetable. Please also note that every session is over-seen by a member of St. Ninian's staff who will be always supporting the guest speakers. We hope they enjoy the day.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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Enclosure

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