

THE RIOT ACT - ROAD SAFETY

Year 7 attended a performance by The Riot Act on Tuesday this week. The performance focused on Road Safety and the real life distractions that young people face when walking to and from school. Year 7 thoroughly enjoyed the performance and it opened their eyes to the dangers. One student said "It has made me think about being careful on my phone when walking home near roads". Thank you again to The Riot Act for coming in year after year and educating our new Year 7 students on a very important topic!



THROUGH TO THE YORKSHIRE CUP FINAL!

Congratulations to the Year 8 and Year 10 rugby teams who are both through to the Yorkshire Cup Semi Final and last 16 of England and Wales. Amazing teamwork!

FOCUS ON STAYING SAFE AND POSITIVE WELLBEING ROAD SAFETY

Your child's risk of being injured on foot or on a bicycle increases as they gain independence. According to ROSPA, far more teens are knocked down and hurt than younger children. Peer pressure can also cause young people to behave in unsafe ways near the road. This group are at further risk due to longer journeys to and from school with friends or on their own.

Please support them to understand the importance of walking directly to their destination, without stops or diversions. Even as your child approaches adolescence, you should keep talking about road safety with them, and ensure that they know the importance of continuing to take great care when crossing the road, including putting away their phone and taking out any earphones when crossing the road. Remind them that they will be unable to hear traffic if they are listening to music through their earphones or see it properly if they are wearing a hood.

Please use the links below for further information on road safety:

- [Factsheet to support different ages](#)
- [Guide for parents](#)

SCIENCE FAIR

This academic year saw Outwood Academy Freeston's very first Science Fair. Year 7 and 8 took part in a Physics project before Christmas with a theme of Flight. Students learnt about flight in a series of lessons before being grouped together and designing their own plane. For the final lesson, each group presented their project to the class which showed some outstanding work. Each class from each year group had gold, silver and bronze winners, the gold going onto the Freeston Science Fair. Students presented their projects to the Head and Second in Science who decided the overall winners who will then go to the Outwood Science Fair in March where they will be up against all the academy winners from across the Trust.

Although it was a tough decision and a VERY close call, the winners of Year 7 were team Speed Force, Payton, Lacie, Emma and Logan. The winners of Year 8 were Louisa, Felicity and Isabelle.

All that took part should be incredibly proud of themselves as they did amazing.

