



STATIONERS'  
CROWN WOODS ACADEMY  
Executive Principal: Mr David Millar

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Keeping our Academy Community Safe**

As you are aware, our Academy benefits from a close partnership with the Metropolitan Police and benefits from having a regular on-site presence of our School Police Officer. PC Becky is a familiar face around the Academy and regularly delivers talks during WellBeing and SRS lessons, providing advice on a range of issues including road and personal safety.

I am writing to let you know that as part of our ongoing partnership work with the police we will be having temporary metal detector arches on a half-termly and unannounced basis. This is common practice amongst secondary schools, not just in Greenwich, but across the country. As we are all aware, there have been [several high profile incidents this year](#) and [the police are responding through this initiative and an education programme to tackle this serious issue](#).

All students will be expected to pass through a scanning arch and to cooperate with the staff and police during these searches. This good practice is purely a cautionary measure to promote our values and to keep Stationers' Crown Woods Academy a safe and secure environment. The arch will be similar to those at airports and will detect all metal objects, so any such items should be presented to the police before going through the arch. Any object that could be considered dangerous or unnecessary such as combs and scissors will be confiscated. We will inform you once the scanning arch operation has taken place, and update you on the results.

As ever, our priority is ensuring students are able to learn in an environment where they feel happy, safe and secure. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of School if you have any questions about this.

Anita Croft  
**Associate Principal**

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