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Dear parents and carers

On Tuesday 1 April, theatre company **Peer Productions** will be performing their latest play to students. The play is called '**Man Up**' and strengthens our cross-curricular links as well as directly supporting students Year 9 Drama Unit 'Drama styles' where they learn about and create their own devised piece of Theatre in Education (TIE). This work will also support those taking BTEC Acting as further study.

Peer Productions have visited us several times over the years creating thought-provoking theatre for young people. Founded in 2006, Peer Productions is an award-winning youth arts charity specialising in combining high quality arts practice with peer education. [You can find more information about the Company here.](#)

The target audience for the performance is Year 9 and above and the Company have provided us with the following information covering the content of the performance:

Man Up Content Guidance

- Use of offensive language
- Discussions about a topless photo of a young man being shared, its impact on his mental health, and his struggles with body image, including over-exercising
- Characters of both genders objectifying people's bodies
- Discussion about pornography including deep fake pornography
- A young woman expressing her fear of sexual harassment, abuse and rape
- A young woman's drink being spiked by a male peer
- Bullying and sexual harassment, including the intimidation of a young woman by a male peer and the bullying of a female teacher
- Depictions of unhealthy, coercive relationships, including a scene where one character is concerned her friend's boyfriend may have hurt her
- References to harmful online content promoting false gender roles, extreme misogyny and its potential links to violence and suicide

Sensory warnings

The play uses pre-recorded music and ambient sound effects and the cast wear radio microphones. The play uses LED stage lights and there are two sequences in which the young actors use handheld brightly coloured LED lights. None of the lights flash or strobe, so would not usually be a trigger for photosensitive epilepsy. There is no audience interaction.

If you have any questions about the performance, please contact me at fdeane@carringtonschool.org. If after the performance your young person would like to discuss anything the play raises, they should speak to their Drama teacher or one of our Safeguarding Leads.

Best wishes

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