

Important Safety Message to All Students from Paul Riley, Principal

Hello All

Over the last few days two road accidents involving young people have occurred near to the college. This reminds me of the importance of stressing some key messages to all our students about safe travel to and from college. Please read carefully the key messages below with regard to various means of transport to and from college:

If you are travelling by train, bus or driving, can I urge you to plan your journeys to give enough time to get to College safely and/in sufficient time so that you can maintain your responsibility to be punctual for all your timetable and other scheduled commitments.

If you are cycling, please recognise the danger of increased traffic volumes that can build up in the local area and consider the safe cycling advice in the link below from the NHS. In addition, please avoid cycling up Hillbarn Lane and use the internal pedestrian/cycling path from Grove Lodge roundabout inside the College grounds.

<http://www.nhs.uk/livewell/roadsafety/pages/cyclists.aspx>

[Benefits of cycling - Live Well - NHS Choices
www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

Find out how regular cycling can help you lose weight, reduce stress, and boost your health. Includes tips on equipment, safety, and cycle routes.

Sussex Community Police also advise that:

"If you cycle to College from the Findon Valley direction West Sussex County Council have signs directing cyclists to a "Safer cycle route" avoiding the major A24/A27 Warren Road. The signposted route is to:-

Cross to the south side of Warren Road at the traffic lights/pedestrian crossing just off the Cemetery roundabout, proceed along the shared pedestrian/cycle path to the junction with Offington Drive, where the cycle path ends. Turn right into Offington Drive and now using the Highway travel the length of Offington Drive. At the junction bear left on to Offington Avenue, again on the Highway, to the Eastern end where there is then a short section of shared cycle/pedestrian pathway leading to the traffic lights/pedestrian crossing at the Warren roundabout and then into the College entrance".

If you are walking, please recognise the danger of traffic and follow the advice below from the NHS for teenage pedestrians. In addition, please avoid walking up Hillbarn Lane and use the internal pedestrian/cycling path from Grove Lodge roundabout inside the College grounds:

Research has found that teenagers are easily distracted on the roads, especially when they're with a group of friends.

The following distractions are major causes of accidents among teenage pedestrians:

- talking to friends
- listening to music
- making mobile phone calls
- text messaging

Keep Safe.