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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to be able to inform you of an upcoming author visit to the school. Alan Bissett will be coming to Kingshill next Tuesday 5th December 2023 as part of his “Lads” school tour. He will be talking to the boys in Years 9 and 10 during the course of the morning. The subject matter of his tour supports important topics delivered in PSHEE and RESPECT lessons, such as consent, respect and positive relationships. All of this is hugely topical and relevant in our modern world and supports our promotion of the Kingshill STEPs, in particular, *respect* and *responsibility*.

We hope that through hearing him talk and learning more of Alan’s rationale for writing it, your sons will have an increased understanding of what is to be a young man in modern society and of appropriate and respectful behaviours towards others around them, including how they conduct themselves towards girls and behave in their personal relationships.

Reviews of the book have been very positive and highlight the personal learning that it provides for boys of this age, as shown below:

‘Topical, timely and like nothing published before ... Lads is a much-needed non-fiction guide for teenage boys’ – The Lancashire Post

‘In a world full of negative influences, LADS is a toolkit for teenage boys on respect and consent, helping them call out bad behaviour and giving them the confidence to be their best selves.’

For those who are interested in buying Alan’s book, “Lads: A Guide To Respect And Consent,” Octavia’s bookshop in Blackjack Street are offering a 10% discount to any customers who have a copy of this letter with them. Further information about Alan and his books can be found on his website:- www.alanbissett.com.

Yours sincerely,

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