

Year 7 students enjoy watching 'Streetwise' whilst learning vital road safety lessons.



On Tuesday 9th October we were visited by Performance in Education (PIE) who delivered a thought-provoking yet humorous and engaging performance designed to make our students aware of the importance of road safety.

Supported by Sussex Safer Roads the play 'Streetwise' was performed to our year 7 students and focused on a group of school students; Chloe, Will, Mark, Jo, Tegs and Ripper as they headed out on a school trip. The multiple parts, including school teachers, local business owners, van drivers and parents, were played by the fantastic cast of just three. The play addressed key messages of road safety for young people - mainly being aware of what is happening around them when out and about, especially by the road and when using headphones or mobile phones or looking out for their friends.

The vital messages were delivered in a fun and engaging way that had the year 7s laughing as well as silent as they absorbed the more serious moments. The play clearly had the desired impact with one student saying *'it made me realise that when I use my mobile phone I need to be much more aware, I hadn't thought of that before'* and *'when you are messing about with your mates you need to be well away from any roads.'* They also all agreed that the performance was a great way for them to be presented with this information, saying that the play helped them to understand the messages clearly.

The talented cast of Rhiannon, Llion and Dan all really enjoy their job with Dan saying *'it is so important to teach young people about road safety and it is great to be part of a programme that is helping prevent accidents in the future.'*

The play was followed by a question and answer session to ensure all the students took the key messages of road safety on board, and most importantly, remembered them when they headed home.

