



Monday 15th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Safety Operation at Rooks Heath School

At Rooks Heath School, the safety and well-being of our students remain our top priority. Today, in collaboration with our local police officers, we conducted a safety operation involving metal detector safety arches. We are pleased to report that no dangerous items were found. This initiative aimed to raise awareness about prohibited items and reinforce our commitment to maintaining a secure and positive school environment.

The safety arch searches are purposely conducted randomly, and year groups are selected at random. Today, the searches were conducted with students in Years 9 and 10. Student bags were checked before walking through the metal detector safety arches. To ensure that all students had adequate time to engage in this experience, the time used was during the usual registration period and Period 1 lesson. Students resumed their normal day from period 2. On this occasion, students in Years 7, 8, 11 and the 6th Form were not subject to the searches but could be at any other sessions in the future.

To accompany the safety searches, all students who completed the security check were shown a short presentation on knife crime awareness. In the presentation, students are shown key statistics, insights into legal consequences, and the impact on victims. The presentation encourages students to:

- **Strive to Be Their Best & Say No to Knife Crime**
- **Believe in Themselves** – Focus on goals and future, not violence.
- **Handle Conflict Wisely** – Use words, not weapons—violence is never the answer.
- **Surround Themselves with Positivity** – Avoid negative influences.
- **Understand the Consequences** – Knife crime ruins lives.
- **Choose Opportunities Over Crime** – Education, sports, and careers offer a brighter future.
- **Stay safe. Stay strong. Strive for success!**

Additionally, this provided an opportunity for students to be reminded of non-dangerous items which are also prohibited from the school for health and safety, including aerosols, sprays, perfumes and excessive sugary items. Where these items were found, we are happy for parents to collect them as these will not be returned to students directly. If you would like to claim any of these items, we will keep them until Thursday 18th December. Please contact your child's form tutor or email contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk stating clearly the item and the name of the child and form group. Any students found with vapes will face our ordinary sanctions as per the Behaviour for Learning policy.





Possession of any prohibited items is strictly forbidden. Every year, we make it very clear to everyone in the Rooks Heath School community and this is available on our website [here: Equipment & Personal items list](#). These include but are not limited to:

- Alcohol
- Weapons
- Illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia
- Stolen items
- Tobacco, vaping devices, lighters, matches and cigarette papers
- Fireworks
- Pornographic images
- Any article a staff member reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence, or to cause personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including the student)

This initiative is part of our continuous effort to educate students on making safe and responsible choices. We appreciate your support in reinforcing these important messages at home. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ahmed,
Deputy Headteacher, Pastoral

