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Dear Parent / Guardian,

I hoped to be writing to you today celebrating the many successes we have seen this half term.

Unfortunately, I also feel I must share with you some details of a frightening incident which took place this morning.

Four of our Year 7s who were walking to school were approached by a stranger, who seems to have made grabbing motions towards the girls.

The girls were, understandably, terrified. The incident took place near the Crest Convenience shop on Alvechurch Road, shortly after 8am.

We have been in contact with families and police this morning, and the police are responding to the concern promptly. I include a description of the man identified via CCTV cameras in the area: - 5ft tall (although one witness suggests that he may have been taller), black, black beard but with lots of grey in, wearing a black hoodie with white writing on and he was wearing a cap with a yellow trim. He was also wearing grey joggers and tan builder's builder boots.

On a more positive and less concerning note, I do still want to touch on a number of positives;

- Year 11s did brilliantly during the **mock interview day**
- Years 9, 10 and 11 seem to have got a lot out of the Career's fayre, which was brilliantly attended by local sixth forms, colleges and employers.
- **Enrichment Day** went really well and a number of the places we visited got in touch to praise our pupils.
- Our **Open Events** went really well – and key to this was the work of our pupils who guided visitors – they did a superb job and were widely praised in visitor feedback.
- We have had two **external reviews** (of Safeguarding and Behaviour). Both went incredibly well, with the external experts praising our staff, our systems and, in particular, our pupils.
- **Engagement in lessons** has been outstanding in lessons this half-term. As I have been visiting lessons, I have been struck by the determination and commitment of our learners.
- Both **booster and extra-curricular engagement** have been incredibly high.
- While we continue to prioritise attendance, we are really pleased to see our first half-term's attendance has been significantly above the national average for secondary schools.

Yours faithfully

Neil Jones
Headteacher

Headteacher: Mr Neil Jones