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Alex Russell Headteacher

Dear Parents/carers,

**"It won't happen to me, it only happens to other people" –
08 December 2008 7.00pm – Drugs Awareness Evening from a parents perspective**

In July 2008 we were very lucky to have **Elizabeth Burton Phillips** in to speak to our Year 10 and 12 students about the consequences getting involved with drugs can have.

Elizabeth is just a normal mum living locally to ourselves. She has three children and has written a book called 'mum can you lend me twenty quid' which tells her family's story of how her twin sons became heroin addicts. It is particularly moving as it is a story we can all relate to and has an outcome which we never believe will happen to us.

We are very fortunate that she is coming in to talk to parents and carers at 7.00pm in the Drama Studio on 08 December 2008. Her husband will also speak and they will be able to give you first hand experience and advice. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and speak to DPEAP (Drugs Prevention Education and Awareness Project) who will also be there for advice and guidance.

Drugs is a very real issue for many young people. I would urge you to come and hear Elizabeth's story for yourself and find out what you can do to support your children.

In an effort to cater for the correct numbers, please return the attached reply slip indicating how many people will be attending.

Yours sincerely

Louise Wood
Deputy Headteacher

Reply Slip

Please return this slip even if you are not attending to help us with our numbers

To: Mrs Jean Stewart – Administrator

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Name of Student: _____

- _____ parents will be attending the above Drugs Awareness evening
- _____ child(ren) will be attending the above Drugs Awareness evening
- we are unable to attend

Signature of Parent/Carer _____ Date: _____