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Dear Parent/Carer

The challenges society faces regarding the supply and use of illegal drugs has been well documented. These concerns have recently seen a growth in the supply and distribution of drugs from large cities into small towns and rural areas. This activity is known as 'County Lines'. There is an excellent set of short documentaries (six) on the BBC iplayer entitled 'Drugsland - County lines' that focuses on such activities in the Yeovil and Weston-Super-Mare areas.

In order to maintain and ensure a safe environment for all the students in our community the Academy has been working with local Police Officers on a regular basis. The Police have kindly offered to bring into school a drugs dog. This will raise awareness of drugs issues as well as re-enforcing the Academy's zero tolerance approach to drugs. This visit will take place during the second half of the autumn term.

If your son/daughter has any concerns regarding allergies or phobias towards dogs please do not hesitate to contact me at school (Tel: 01458 254946 Mobile: 07827 275142 email: jmerrick-wren@educ.somerset.gov.uk).

Regards

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