

Ahead of the Summer Holidays – A Message from Bromley Safer Schools Officers

As we approach the final week of term, Bromley Safer Schools Officers would like to share the following advice with students and their families.

Each year, during the last week of term, we tend to see a rise in crime, disorder, and anti-social behaviour—particularly in high street areas across the borough. Please be aware that if you attend these locations and become involved in any form of disorder, you could face serious consequences, including arrest. Police will also work closely with schools to identify those involved, and individuals will be held accountable for their actions. Involvement in criminal behaviour could negatively impact your summer holiday and your future.

We are also seeing a growing concern around vaping in schools. It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to purchase or possess vapes containing nicotine. These products can be harmful to your health, and some imported vapes do not meet EU safety standards. Safer Schools Officers are working in partnership with the local authority to tackle the illegal sale and distribution of vapes.

Finally, while robbery offences across Bromley have decreased thanks to proactive policing and strong partnership work, we urge you not to become complacent over the summer.

Please remember the key principles for staying safe:

- Keep valuables out of sight and out of mind
- Minimise the number of items you carry with you in public
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Plan your routes in advance

Mobile phones continue to be the most targeted item in robberies.

Stay safe and enjoy your summer break