



Olive AP Academy  
**THURROCK**

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Executive Headteacher - Collette Hunnisett

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Dear parent/carer

We are delighted to welcome a guest speaker, Paul Hannaford, into our academy on Tuesday 30 November 2021.

Over the past 10 years, Paul has built a successful career educating over 400,000 school children from multiple year groups ranging from year 4 up to sixth form, tailoring the message appropriate to their ages.

Paul offers workshops and talks about the dangers of addiction, drugs and alcohol as well as involvement in gangs, knife crime and county lines. Through his own experiences as a former addict of over 20 years, Paul can convey an incredibly powerful and hard-hitting message.

Paul travels extensively throughout the UK, visiting primary and secondary schools, youth centres, young offenders.

Paul's workshops contribute directly to the government safeguarding policy and the prevention and early identification of any issues as a direct result of addiction, gang crime and substance abuse. Paul believes passionately that every child matters, and that their future should be a bright one. You will be able to find more information on Paul and his life journey by following the link below;

<https://www.paulhannaford.com/>

Paul will be delivering a whole school assembly where we will encourage all of our students to attend. If you would like your child not to attend the assembly, please call the academy office on 01708 853781, and we will endeavour to arrange an alternative activity for them.

Yours sincerely

Chris Reilly  
Assistant Headteacher  
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