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Dear Parent,

The most recent events in the Middle East have sparked much discussion amongst our students and we are pleased to be able to offer safe spaces for rigorous, respectful and reflective conversations. Before half term, we hosted a forum for students and staff to share and listen to different perspectives as well as ask meaningful questions. This was well attended and offered an important learning experience for all.

It is apparent that our students are passionate about the issues raised and would like to explore ways in which they can be socially and politically active. As a result, we have invited a charity to run some workshops exploring what peace in the Middle East would look like and how young people around the world can work to achieve that. 'Solutions Not Sides' is a UK based charity who work with peace workers in Israel and Palestine to encourage long-term, sustainable solutions for the people living in these areas. You can read a little more about what they do on their website: <https://solutionsnotsides.co.uk/>.

Later this term we will be running a course of three workshops after school from 3.40 – 5.00pm. All those who sign up must commit to the full course as places are limited and the workshops all relate to one another. Either Mr Rose or I will be supervising each workshop.

The workshops will take place on **Wednesday 23rd June, Tuesday 29th June and Thursday 1st July**. If your son would like to attend the full course, please sign up via [Little Box Office](#). The deadline for signing up is **Friday 18th June**. There is no charge for this course. Please also note that, due to the interactive nature of the workshops, spaces are very limited. We have 10 spaces for boys in Years 7/8 and 15 spaces for boys in Years 9/10/12.

If you have any questions about this course, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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