



7th June, 2024

Dear all

Incident at The Mirfield Free Grammar on Thursday 6th June

Since our communication with you yesterday, West Yorkshire Police have released a statement regarding the lockdown incident at the academy. The statement can be found via the link below:

[Appeal: Off Road Bike Riders Trespass at School, Mirfield | West Yorkshire Police](#)

At approximately 1.18pm, two masked off-road bike riders trespassed onto school grounds, leading to the implementation of the academy's emergency activation plan; all exterior doors and windows were locked, and staff and students were secured in their classrooms. No one was harmed during the incident, and the intruders left the premises without entering the building or causing any damage.

We are exceptionally proud of how our students and staff responded in this challenging situation. The calm and orderly manner in which the students conducted themselves showed their maturity and resilience - THEMFG character values were clearly demonstrated. Our staff acted swiftly and professionally, ensuring that everyone was safe and accounted for.

We would also like to thank our parents and families for their cooperation and support. We understand that although nobody was harmed, these sorts of incidents can be distressing for students and their families, and therefore today we have checked in with students and reminded them all of the wellbeing support available in school and how to access it if they need to. We have held assemblies with each year group today to praise them for their conduct during lockdown and after the event.

The incident was one of several anti-social events that took place around the local area and is not just a school matter, but one that affects our whole community and underscores the importance of working together to maintain a safe environment for everyone. We urge all community members to stay vigilant and report any suspicious activities to the police. Anyone who saw or who has footage of anti-social and illegal bike riding around the Mirfield area is asked to contact Dewsbury and Mirfield Neighbourhood Policing Team by calling 101 or by visiting <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/LiveChat> referencing police log 804 of June 6.

Yours sincerely,

A Fuller (Mrs)
Principal