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Dear Parent/Carer

We have great pleasure in telling you that your son/daughter will be attending a session in the School, delivered by a comedian/actor Dave Keeling, working for an organisation called *Independent Thinking*.

We know there is a neurological link between humour and learning. The science may well tell us this, but Dave Keeling proves it. A stand-up comic who has also been in both Coronation Street and EastEnders, Dave has been working with *Independent Thinking* for many years, bringing the best out of some of the UK's young people, as well as opening up teachers and school leaders to the power of laughter in the classroom.

Author of several books full of practical strategies for adding humour, energy and risk to any lesson, Dave combines his experience working with all sorts of young people and pushing them to aim that bit higher, to make something of their opportunities with his gift for quick-fire, improvised stand-up comedy.

We have secured funding for this event to take place, from the Government's 'Raising Aspiration' budget and therefore there is no cost to parents or the School. I am sure Dave will be a big hit in motivating our students to aim high and work hard in their studies, in a fun and engaging way.

Dave will be leading a session with your child during period 5 on Thursday 06 December in School.

Yours faithfully

*K. Harvey*

Mrs K Harvey  
**Assistant Headteacher**