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ROAD SAFETY

*One of the hallmarks of **adulthood** is gaining the right to **drive**. And so, as you can imagine, teens often race (pun somewhat intended) to acquire their own licenses as soon as possible! **HOWEVER**, with approximately 22% of road **fatalities** in the UK being caused by drivers between the ages of **17 to 24**, coupled with the fact that only **1.6%** of licensed drivers are aged between **17 to 24**, educating young people on the necessity of road safety has never been more crucial! Fortunately, on the 22nd of November, both Mr Hinman and Mr Hunter made it **their mission** to inform our young pupils of the **hazards** of driving. Curious, both Mr Hunter and Mr Hinman took the time to first explore what our students already knew about road safety. "Drink driving is such a killer" said Liam, steadfast in his **disdain** for this sort of behaviour after rightfully declaring it as one of the most commonly publicised causes of car accidents. "Texting!" shouted Sean, going onto to outline just how distracting smartphones can be for younger drivers.*

*Suffice it to say, we at Meadowcroft were **impressed** to see our pupils demonstrate some notion of the common causes of youth related fatalities. Thankfully, Mr Hinman and Mr Hunter also focused on a less obvious cause: **overconfidence**. In many cases, young drivers can be quick to make **snap judgements**, forgetting to thoroughly assess their environment and/or a driver's **path** and **speed**. Worse still, young drivers can regularly attempt to perform risky manoeuvres due to **inexperience** and/or... **you guessed it...** peer pressure. Despite being initially skeptical, our pupils after some **self-reflection** were able share various times in which they'd behaved less than ideally due to the encouragement of an excitable audience (let's face it, **we've all been there**). All in all, our pupils walked away with plenty of **food for thought**, with valuable conversations about the dangers of driving being heard for days long after.*

*Because here at Meadowcroft, keeping each other safe is our **specialty**.*

**NONE OF THAT,
THANKS...**

