

STRATTON UPPER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

MR R SEDANI

You will be aware of press reports that Mr R Sedani has been convicted at Luton Crown Court of “inciting sexual activity with a girl under 17 whilst in a position of trust”.

Press coverage identifies Mr Sedani as a “Biggleswade teacher” and that the crime occurred at an unnamed Bedfordshire School.

Many will remember that Mr Sedani was a teacher at Stratton between September 2013 and August 2015. His conviction is not related to his time at Stratton and the circumstances were unknown to us until the recent reporting.

The safety and well-being of our students is our highest priority. Every member of staff is given annual training in safeguarding matters. Our training always includes a reinforcement of our robust and unequivocal duty to alert our safeguarding team if there are concerns about the behaviour of any colleague.

Although there is no evidence that any safeguarding issue occurred whilst Mr Sedani was employed at Stratton I have spoken to all Sixth Form students in assembly. These students were in Years 9 and 10 between 2013 and 2015, and so are the only students remaining from the time of his employment. I have acknowledged that many were taught by him or were in his form group and we reflected on the devastation such actions can bring upon the victim, the community and indeed the perpetrator’s family.

I have highlighted to the students that the crimes Mr Sedani committed were after his time at Stratton. Nevertheless, I have sign-posted students to our trained Safeguarding Officers, Mr Scoot, Ms Hodges and Miss Harper to ensure students are aware of who to speak to if they have any concerns.

Should you wish to discuss matters relating to Mr Sedani’s employment at Stratton please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Rob Watson
Headteacher

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