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Dear Parent,

I would like to congratulate you and your son or daughter for having the foresight to participate in the Young Drivers Scheme, delivered by the IAM. By enrolling on this course, you have taken the first step toward ensuring that new drivers may develop into safe and responsible motorists.

West Mercia Constabulary encourages this type of scheme, as we believe that this initiative should greatly help parents to reduce the risk that their children face when they drive vehicles on the road. This will be especially true in the first few years, before the young people have gained valuable driving experience.

Statistics show that many of the fatal or serious injury collisions in this area involve and indeed, are caused by drivers aged between 17 and 24 years of age. Our investigations show that often as a result of their lack of experience, young drivers take longer to assess hazards and, because of over-confidence in their driving skills, they often travel far too quickly for the conditions. It has to be said that most young people pick up basic skills fairly easily but actually learning to drive on the road is much more complicated. This course should help them to do just that.

Once your son or daughter has passed the test I would urge that you should encourage them to continue to develop their driving experience. There are many groups which offer further packages that will develop the skills required for them to pass an advanced test and although there is usually a cost to these courses, they do cover many of the skills essential for safer driving in this modern age.

You may also wish to refresh your own driving skills and courses are available with many organisations to help you to become aware of the standards required of new drivers. I would encourage any parent to seek further training and set a good example as a responsible and skilled driver.

May I also take this opportunity to wish you and your family many years of happy and safe motoring.

Yours sincerely

Sergeant John ROBERTS
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Please note that although West Mercia Constabulary encourages participation in this scheme, the police are not involved in the organisation, decision to include content, actual delivery of, nor training of any persons involved in these courses.