

Dear Parent & Student,

This week I would like to devote our bulletin to some reminders about Internet Safety. There are many sources out there and on this occasion I have taken some really useful information from the 'internet matters.org' site.

Firstly, there exists guidance for parents of teenagers.

Online safety tips for parents of teenagers

Checklist

Adjust controls

Adjust the parental controls on your broadband and internet-enabled devices, depending on your child's age. Your broadband provider can tell you how. Find out how to setup safe search in Google by going to google.co.uk/safetycentre.

Keep talking

Stay interested in what they're doing online and discuss what they might have come across. Don't be afraid to tackle difficult subjects like cyberbullying and sexting.

Help them to be critical of things they see online and judge the quality and reliability of online sources.

Privacy matters

Make sure they set high privacy settings on social networks. Encourage them to regularly change their passwords and never to share or put online any of their personal details like phone number, address or their school.

Average child
2 times a day
social media -
only 6 - out of
followers are
friend



Manage their online reputation

Let them know that anything they upload, email or message could stay online forever. Remind them that they should only post things online that they wouldn't mind you, their teacher or a future employer seeing.

Stay safe on the move

Make sure safety and privacy settings are activated on their mobile devices and they aren't sharing private information. Be aware that using public WiFi might not filter inappropriate content, so look for friendly WiFi symbols when you're out and about.

BE RESPECTFUL
BE RESPECTED
BE ADMIRED
BE CONNECTED
BE THE CHEERY FACE OF WELCOME
BE THE FRIEND YOU CAN DEPEND ON
BE DYNAMIC
BE INSPIRED
BE EXCITED
BE ADMIRED
BE THE PERSON YOU ASPIRE TO BE
BE AN ACADEMIC SUCCESS STORY
BE A HERO
BE A LEADER
BE A WINNER
BE A DREAMER
BE A CREDIT TO THE SCHOOL
BE THE ONE WHO'S EXCEPTIONAL
BE DEMANDING
BE COURAGEOUS
BE THE IDEA THAT'S CONTAGIOUS
BE YOURSELF
BE SET FREE

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE

Learn about it:

Teach your child some simple rules

- Make sure your child knows how to block abusive comments and report content that worries them
- Teach them to respect others online and think about comments before they post them
- Don't arrange to meet people in real life that they've only talked to online and remind them that some people may not be who they say they are
- Use secure and legal sites to download music and games
- Check attachments and pop ups for viruses before they click or download anything
- When using the internet for homework, make sure they use information appropriately and explain things in their own words rather than copying

Talk about it:

Tips for a meaningful conversation

- Make sure your child knows they can come to you if they're upset by something they've seen online
- Tell them you trust them to do the right thing rather than over monitoring their internet use
- If your child comes to you with an issue, stay calm and listen without judging them and don't threaten to take away their devices
- Tackle peer pressure by explaining that if they're talked into bullying someone online or sending inappropriate images it may get reported to their school or even the police
- Talk to them about how much time they spend online and make sure this is balanced against other activities

Secondly, there some 'Top 10 Tips for staying safe on line for students'.

- 1) Don't post any personal information online – like your address, email address or mobile number.
- 2) Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online most people can see it and may be able to download it, it's not just yours anymore.
- 3) Keep your privacy settings as high as possible
- 4) Never give out your passwords
- 5) Don't befriend people you don't know
- 6) Don't meet up with people you've met online. Speak to your parent or carer about people suggesting you do
- 7) Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are
- 8) Think carefully about what you say before you post something online
- 9) Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone else's views doesn't mean you need to be rude
- 10) If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: leave the website, turn off your computer if you want to and tell a trusted adult immediately.

It is so important never to be complacent. Nothing is more precious and valuable than young people's well-being and happiness.

In addition to this focus, included in the bulletin this week is some key information about our forthcoming Sixth Form Induction Day from Ms Doncaster and a reminder about Key Dates for the remainder of the term.

Very best wishes,



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Year 11 into 12 Induction Tuesday 26 June 2018:

Time	Activity
08:40 – 08:50	Student arrival
08:50 – 09:10	Welcome and introductions
09:10 – 09:55	Block A taster lesson
10:00 – 10:45	Block B taster lesson
10:50 – 11:05	Break (<i>students to bring their own refreshments</i>)
11:10 – 11:55	Block C taster lesson
12:00 – 12:45	Block D taster lesson
12:50 – 13:15	Lunch (<i>students to bring their own refreshments</i>)
13:20 – 14:05	Block E taster lesson
14:10 – 14:30	Induction Day plenary
17:45 – 18:00	Parent/carer and student arrival
18:00 – 19:00	Enrolment information for all prospective students and their parents/carers

Kind regards,

Miss R Doncaster
Director of 6th Form

Key dates for your diaries:

- Tuesday 19th June Prefects' Dinner
- Thursday 21st June Year 6 to 7 Parent Interviews
- Monday 25th to Friday 29th June Year 12 Work Experience
- Tuesday 26th June Year 11 into 12 Induction Day
- Tuesday 26th June Year 6 Open Morning
- Wednesday 27th June Year 6 to 7 Parent Interviews
- Thursday 28th June Art Exhibition
- Friday 30th June Sixth Form end of year party
- Tuesday 3rd July Year 6 into 7 Transition Day
- Friday 6th July Year 11 Prom
- Monday 9th July Sports Day
- Tuesday 10th July Year 6 Open Morning
- Thursday 12th July Year 10 Parents' Reporting Evening
- Friday 13th July Year 7 Celebration Assembly
- Monday 16th July Year 8 Celebration Assembly
- Tuesday 17th July Year 9 Celebration Assembly
- Wednesday 18th July Year 10 Celebration Assembly
- Friday 20th July End of Term – half-day