



4 February 2016

Dear Parents

Re: Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2016 is being held on Tuesday 9 February 2016. On this day, there will be special e-safety lessons during dedicated ICT lessons, as well as short activities during PSHE. The e-safety work will continue for all of our pupils over the following two weeks.

Each pupil in the school will receive a copy of *Digital Parenting* magazine to pass on to you. This is a magazine that has been published jointly by the Vodafone Foundation and ParentZone. It is full of good information and advice including articles on cyberbullying, online gaming, teenage abusive relationships, digital footprints, sexting and online radicalisation. Please ensure that your daughter shares this magazine with you. If you do not receive your copy, it is available to read online at <http://vodafonedigitalparenting.co.uk/>

YEARS 7 & 8

Pupils will be involved in age appropriate ICT lessons showing them how to stay safe when using webcams. CEOP have investigated a number of cases in which sex offenders have used extortion to force young people to perform sexual acts on webcam.

Following these lessons, all pupils will receive a factsheet which gives them very clear advice. Please ask your daughter to share the factsheet with you and take the opportunity to discuss it with her.

YEAR 9

In Year 9, pupils will explore how people communicate online and the impact of their words on other people's feelings. They will judge when online content crosses the line in terms of appropriateness, acceptability and the law.

YEARS 10 AND 11

After half-term pupils will take part in lessons focusing on online extremism. Work for Year 10 will be delivered through PSHE lessons; for Year 11 it will take place on their PSHE day on the 24 March. Pupils will be encouraged to think about their likes and dislikes in life and who it is who influences their choices. They will explore how individuals and groups radicalise others using the internet. They will understand what is meant by online radicalisation and why certain people end up being targeted. They will also learn to be aware of the 'push' and 'pull' factors related to victims of extremism and know how to support someone who is being targeted by extremists

PSHE LESSONS

A group of Year 11 ICT pupils have prepared mini-lessons to be delivered by all Form Teachers next week during PSHE lessons.

- Year 7: #shareaheart (online hate)
- Years 8/9: Revealing too much on social media
- Year 10: Trolling
- Year 11: Grooming: Focusing on the Breck Bednar case
- Sixth Form: Safer Internet Day quiz

Thank you for your support as we continue to educate and protect our young people in their online lives.

Yours sincerely

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