



Which Week?

This Week: Monday 23rd Oct (Week 1)
Next Week: HALF TERM
 Week After: Monday 6th Nov (Week 2)

Inside Kingshurst



Safety First!

As the nights draw-in and storm Babet well and truly tells us that the weather is taking a turn, we urge you to remind your children to attire themselves suitably for the weather in addition to being visible during the dark morning and evenings on their way to the Academy.

In addition, for those travelling to school by car, please can we remind all parents and carers dropping off and collecting their children in vehicles, to do so in manner that does not compromise the safety of our young people and local community through parking-up in permitted areas to the left or right of the Academy site allowing students a full unobstructed view of the road, in order to be able to safely cross the road. We are also conscious of students being under pressure to vacate a vehicle quickly, directly onto the road, through stopping on Cooks Lane in front of the school or by the zebra crossing and that you check to see that vehicles are not blocking the drive-ways of local residents that are in constant use. In this way, we continue to work with our community whilst prioritising the safety of students.

Girls Five-a-Side Score 5 Against Grace!

After last weeks success from the Under 16 girls football team, this week was the turn of the Under 13's. The girls braved the cold weather and took part in the first North Solihull satellite league tournament of the season.

With a mixture of girls representing the Academy from Year 7 and Year 8, Mrs Lowe reports that they all worked incredibly hard and did extremely well in all 4 games, of what was their first outing as a squad.

Year 12 student, Maddison Snowden supported the event with refereeing duties whilst helping to manage the team with Mrs Lowe to win 2 and draw 2 games. The best result of the evening was a 5-0 win over Grace Academy's B team.

The girls involved were:

- Amalia Solomon (4 goals)
- Tianna Berry-Gates (1 goal)
- Abbie Yates (1 goal)
- Milly Hyland (2 goals)
- Lola-Mae Brown
- Laraya Clarke-Henry
- Auraya Thomas



Parental Feedback

As ever, the feedback we receive from parents and carers is of the utmost importance to us.

Once again we would like to offer parents and carers the opportunity to provide us with feedback as we come to the end of the first half term; something of which allows us to analyse and reflect upon the information provided in order for us to continue to seek to forge a positive relationship with all of our parents and carers.

We have further streamlined the survey to permit an even quicker response to the six short 'rating questions' that can be accessed via the hyperlink below:

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE PARENTAL SURVEY](#)



Remember: The clocks **go back 1 hour** at 2am on Sunday 29th October, giving you an extra hour of sleep and teddy-bear cuddling!



Just a reminder that next week is half term! All students return back to the Academy as of Monday 6th November at the normal time. For clarity, they will return on a 'Week 2' in their two-week timetable.

National Online Safety: Netflix



You may already be familiar with Netflix, a subscription-based streaming service that allows users to watch TV shows and movies on any internet-enabled device that supports the software, such as smart TVs, phones and tablets. With the half term approach and potentially, more rainy weather, students may find themselves consuming on-demand content to larger extent, something of which was kick-started through the pandemic as many families relaxed their screen-time rules. Netflix's diverse range of programming caters for all age groups – so it's important for parents to recognise the potential risks of children using the service and the measures to help their child enjoy a safe streaming experience.

In the guide on page 2, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as screen addiction, inappropriate content and hacking attempts.

Applications for Sixth Form are now open and can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk/sixth-form/apply-online/>

To provide feedback on the newsletter, please [click here](#).

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

NETFLIX

Netflix is a subscription-based streaming service that allows users to watch TV shows and movies on any internet-enabled device that supports the software, such as smart TVs, phones and tablets. The pandemic saw a surge in children consuming on-demand content as many families relaxed their screen-time rules. Netflix's diverse range of programming caters for all age groups – so it's important for parents to recognise the potential risks of children using the service and the measures to help their child enjoy a safe streaming experience.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Netflix produces and curates an extensive catalogue of content that can provide hours of entertainment. If they share the same user account as an adult, this can potentially lead to children accidentally viewing all manner of inappropriate content, including nudity, profanity and extreme violence. This can happen easily on shared accounts, as Netflix cannot establish who's watching.

BINGE-WATCHING

Netflix allows users to view shows and movies quickly and easily without adverts or interruptions, making excessive screen time a concern. Binge-watching has become more common during the pandemic, due to Netflix's regularly updated content and algorithms which recommend content very similar to what's previously been enjoyed. Marathon viewing sessions can lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the next day.

SCREEN ADDICTION

From TVs and phones to consoles and tablets, Netflix is available on almost any device with an internet connection – making it extremely difficult to manage children's screen time. The service is now adding games to its mobile app, tempting users to spend even more time on the platform. Screen addiction can distract children from important activities like schoolwork and socialising, and can impact their health by reducing their exercise and sleep.

HACKING ATTEMPTS

With millions of users worldwide, Netflix is often targeted by hackers who try to steal usernames and passwords to gain access to people's accounts. If successful, they can then steal payment details or try to sell stolen personal data on the dark web, providing other criminals with a profitable opportunity. Netflix also doesn't provide two-factor authentication, making the hackers' task that little bit easier.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Netflix's Teleparty feature became popular during lockdown periods as it allows users from different households (friends and relatives, for example) to synchronise when they watch content. It requires an access link to be sent to the people you wish to invite: the link, however, can also be distributed to people you don't know. A text chat feature enables interaction with the other users in real-time: this represents a risk to children if a stranger gains access to the Teleparty.



Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP ACCOUNTS SECURE

Netflix doesn't use two-factor authentication, so a strong password is vital. Your child's Netflix password should be unique (not one they've used elsewhere) and a minimum of eight characters with a mix of letters, numbers and symbols. Emphasise not to share their login details with anyone and remind them to always log out after using the app – so their account remains inaccessible, even if their device is lost or stolen.



CHECK MATURITY RATING

Netflix warns about content that includes violence, sex, profanity and nudity. These warnings form part of the show or movie's 'maturity rating'. Users can restrict age ratings to avoid children viewing age-inappropriate content. On their profile, open the Profile and Parental Control settings and choose the maturity level for the shows and movies you want to allow.



CREATE A KIDS' PROFILE

Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile means your child can only access content which is suitable for children aged up to 12 years. All other content is automatically blocked. This rating can be further restricted via the child's profile settings. Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile will help to prevent your child from viewing age-inappropriate content.



SET UP PROFILE PINS

Netflix account holders can lock profiles using a four-digit PIN. Doing this can prevent your child from accessing the wrong account and viewing content that isn't appropriate for their age. Try setting a PIN for each account on your Netflix app – ideally avoiding numbers that would be easily guessed, such as dates of birth. Remember not to share these PINs with anyone, including family.



SWITCH OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a show or movie concludes, Netflix's algorithms select content with similar themes that it thinks your child will enjoy next. This new content starts automatically after a 10-second countdown. Disabling this auto-play feature reduces the possibility of your child being shown something inappropriate and provides a natural break to help prevent them becoming too immersed in Netflix.



CHECK VIEWING HABITS

Netflix has tools which enable parents and carers to monitor what their child has been watching. Selecting 'Viewing Activity' in each profile's account settings displays a list of what content has been viewed (and when). This can reassure parents that their child is watching age-appropriate content and can open avenues for discussing your child's favourite shows and movies, and why they like them.



Meet Our Expert

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