



Which Week?

This Week: Monday 5th Feb (Week 1)
Next Week: HALF TERM
 Week After: Monday 19th Feb (Week 2)

Inside Kingshurst



As part of their 'Game Safe Festival', the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) are running a free webinar for parents, carers in addition to the those working with children and families, about the issue of online gaming. The free webinar is on 7 February 2024, 7pm-8pm, via Zoom. For more information and to book your place visit: nspcc.org.uk/gamesafe/tickets.

Reasons to take part might include that:

- 89% of children in the UK play video games, but online harms are increasing.
- If your child is a gamer, this is a chance for them to join exclusive events and competitions. You can also be at the forefront of conversations that will improve the industry.
- If you're a parent, you can make sure you know how to keep children safe while they game. You can also be confident about navigating the world of gaming so your child can come to you for advice and support.

On a similar theme, Tuesday 6th February also mark Safer Internet Day where students will be covering a session during their tutor period in the morning in addition to further content published via our InfoPoint system around the academy.



As part of the Careers strand in information, advice and guidance within the Life Long Learning sessions that take place on Friday mornings, we were very happy to welcome two members of the Royal Air Force who came the Academy to speak to all of our Year 9 students about the wide range of opportunities and careers within this important uniformed service.

With options being selected by Year 9 later this year, we very much want our students to make fully considered decisions that are informed, in part, by these interactions.



Mock Exam Series 2

Begin Monday 19th February for Yr11 & Yr13 students

[CLICK HERE FOR A LINK TO THE LETTER AND SCHEDULE](#)

Fact of the Week: In 1751, Three months 'disappeared'!

With us already at the end of January, we thought it would be fun to have a fact about the new year. Just prior to switching to the 'Gregorian' calendar, a vote was taken by the English government to change the date of the New Year that previously used to happen on 25th March (and was known as 'Lady Day'). However, from 1752, it was agreed that the new start to a year would occur on 1st January.



-FEBRUARY-
Half-term

**Saturday 10th February to
Sunday 18th February**



National Online Safety: 7 Questions to Help You Start a Conversation with Your Child about Online Safety

Talking about the online world with your child can be difficult, and some topics can be particularly awkward; for you and your child! As a result of this, NOS have put together a series of 7 questions that will help you to start an initial conversation with your child, so you have a better understanding of what they do online and how you can protect them. Additionally, it's important to note that regular conversations with your child about the Internet will help your child to build confidence when talking about online issues, and therefore help to build trust too.

In the guide on page 2, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as personal information, gaming addiction and online relationships.

Some professional recording will be occurring around the academy site on Monday, please be assured that no child will be included in any material where permission has not been granted.

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Safety

7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE. BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.



Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.



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How does this game/app work?
Can I play?

SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.



Do you have any online friends?

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD, FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.



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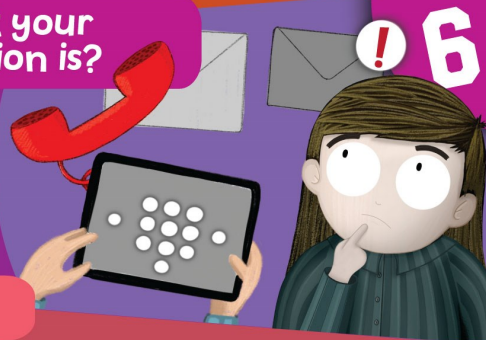
Do you know where to go for help?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.



Do you know what your personal information is?

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.



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Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.

