

Principal's Blog

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YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Calling all parents and carers of children in Year 6 - our Open Evening is next Tuesday, 26th September from 5-7pm. [Full details are here.](#) We look forward to meeting families and showing you how amazing our academy is.

MONTHLY LEARNING UPDATE

Please remember that every month we provide you with a monthly overview on our website of what students will be learning in that month. The overview for [September is here.](#)

PC PERKINS

This year we are very lucky to have our own Safer Schools Liaison Officer, PC Ami Perkins, in the academy two days a week.

PC Perkins will assist in supporting young people and providing early interventions. [Please read her bio here.](#)



HOME LEARNING UPDATE

Our home learning overview for all year groups has now been updated, [please read this here.](#) Please support your child with this. This is a vital part of independently learning something new and practicing existing knowledge.



SOCIAL TIME ACTIVITIES

As the days start to get colder and social times wetter, lots of our young people prefer to stay indoors at break and lunchtimes. We have started a collection of games, cards, UNO etc for students to utilise and return to the activity box. These are great for social interaction and communication and sharing.

If you have any unwanted games at home you would like to donate, please bring to main reception. Thank you for your support.



WEEKLY FOCUS ON STAYING SAFE AND POSITIVE WELLBEING

We want all of our young people to be safe and to stay safe. In this segment of our ongoing blog we will try to cover some of the concerns young people may have in their life, how you can find out more and how young people can be supported. We will always endeavour to do this as sensitively as possible. If you feel your child needs our support, please contact us.

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Campaign

In 2022, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) recorded 199,363 cases of self-generated explicit images. This was a 6% rise from 2021. Unfortunately, this is likely to increase due to social media apps and websites, alongside the increasing sophistication in phone cameras making underage individuals more vulnerable than ever to deception and grooming.

The foundation has unveiled a campaign backed by the UK government and tech partners such as Microsoft, TikTok and Snapchat and aims to raise awareness about the dangers of self-generated imagery. To find out more please follow the link below:

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/about-us/our-campaigns/talk-and-quiz-out-loud-self-generated-child-sexual-abuse-prevention-campaign/>

TALK

TALK to your child about online sexual abuse.

- **Talk to your child** about online sexual abuse. Start the conversation – and listen to their concerns.
- **Agree ground rules** about the way you use technology as a family.
- **Learn about the platforms** and apps your child loves. Take an interest in their online life.
- **Know how to use tools**, apps and settings that can help to keep your child safe online.

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