

From Head of Wellbeing: Paul Gooding

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Dear parents

Safer Internet Day 2021

Next week we shall be spending time with the students marking Safer Internet Day. This year the theme is "<u>an</u> <u>internet we trust</u>". We would encourage you to continue these discussions at home. It might be a good opportunity to talk to your child about how safe they feel online, including on any gaming platforms, as well as on their social media accounts.

I have collated some links and resources that I hope you will find useful in aiding these discussions:

<u>Here</u> are some excellent home activity packs, produced by "Think u Know". They have produced a huge selection of super resources and videos to help equip you in the following areas, amongst others:

- Watching videos
- Online gaming
- Social media
- Sharing images
- Livestreaming
- Cyber security

Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

- Advice for parents and carers from Childnet
- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the UK Safer Internet Centre
- Guides on popular apps and games from <u>NetAware</u>
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from Common Sense Media
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from Internet Matters
- Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from <u>CEOP</u>

Please also find <u>attached</u> a comprehensive article written by Vodafone on promoting good digital wellbeing amongst young people. This is well worth a read.

I hope you find these useful as we help to reinforce these messages.

Please follow us on twitter <u>@Ab Wellbeing</u>.

Best wishes

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