

AST/GHA

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Internet Safety Day – Tuesday 8 February 2022

On Tuesday 8 February we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2022. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in our academy, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. Some of the activities we will be participating in across the week will include:

- **Years 7-9** will have a starter in every Computing lesson across the week commencing Monday 7 February 2022 which looks at Internet Safety Day and the key messages
- **Years 10-13** will receive an assembly led by Mr Stoneman to ensure they receive the key information of Internet Safety Day

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, you may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day Resources for Parents and Carers which is available at: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>.

There are top tips, quizzes, and films which you can use at home with your child.

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

- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the UK Safer Internet Centre (saferinternet.org.uk/parents)
- Advice for parents and carers from Childnet (childnet.com/parents-and-carers)
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from Common Sense Media (commonsense.org)
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from Internet Matters (internetmatters.org./controls)
- Information and reporting of online grooming or sexual abuse from CEOP (ceop.police.uk)

Online safety is an important issue which as an academy we are committed to teaching our students about.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's Head of Year or Assistant Head of Year in the first instance or myself, the academy's Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Stoneman
Vice Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)