

9 November 2009

Dear Year 7 and 8 Parents,

**Internet Safety Day – November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009**

The internet has become a vital tool used by almost all young people and it offers extraordinary opportunities to access a huge variety of information and to conduct social networking. Whilst we are aware of the benefits of new communications technology in daily life, it is also clear that young people may be particularly vulnerable to negative or harmful experiences when using the internet.

As part of the School's programme of pastoral care, you may have noted that we are organising an internet safety day on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November for pupils in Years 7 – 10. The series of presentations will be delivered by representatives from the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) and will build on the work already done at School in ICT and PSHE lessons. We are sure that the information made available will make our pupils more aware of appropriate actions they can take to ensure that they remain safe whilst online.

We very much hope that many of you would welcome the opportunity to be similarly well informed about internet safety and how to support your children. We are delighted that Mr Nigel Swycher, a fellow parent and a partner in a law firm specialising in internet and technology matters, has offered to run an information session for all Year 7 & 8 parents on the evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup> to follow up on the advice that your children will have heard during the day. Mr. Fraser Robertson (Head of IT), Alison Brunner (Head of Year 7), Kathryn Kramer (Head of Year 8) and I will also be in attendance to answer any questions about the School's ICT and Cyber-bullying policies.

The evening presentation for parents will begin in Big School at 7.00pm and end at approximately 8.15 – 8.30pm; those parents wishing to attend should report to the main school entrance on North Road. If you have any particular requirements regarding access to Big School, please do not hesitate to let me know.

I hope that the evening will be both informative and sociable. In order to allow me to order some light refreshments, may I request that you complete the form below, returning it to your child's form tutor by Monday 16 November.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Evans, Assistant Head Year 7 and 8.  
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Pupil name.....Form.....

I would like to reserve places for ..... people at the Parents' Internet Safety talk on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 at 7.00pm in Big School

Signed.....