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Please note this bulletin should be read in conjunction with Mrs Whittall's Weekly Video.

Prompts/ Deadlines and General Notices

Dates for your Diary- Next Week

The Gogna sale is Saturday 18th June 12pm-4pm

Both sales events will take place in our Dining Room, with nearby access to changing rooms and toilets for students to try on uniform. The Dining Room can be accessed from Hall Road B20 2BH and **NOT** via Rose Hill Road.

During these sales events, you will be able to buy uniform items to take away with you or make an order to collect from a nearby branch. Payment can be made on the day using cash or card. Both suppliers have package deals for prospective Year 7 students.

If you have short sleeved blouses or navy blue trousers that no longer fit and you would like to donate them, please bring these on the day and we will collect them for our pre-loved shop. We will hold a pre-loved uniform sale later this half term.

Monday 20th June - Year 12 University of Birmingham visit all day. Day 2 of Poetry by Heart competition

Year 10 exams begin

Parental and Pastoral Support

Online safety update

What is the MetaVerse?

There is a lot of talk about the MetaVerse at the moment. It isn't new (remember Second Life?) but it is gaining traction and there is a lot of development and marketing going on, principally by Facebook (Meta) who are touting it as the next big thing. Sadly, much of the information is negative, it is clear that companies are giving no due regard whatsoever to user safety (see THIS article in The Guardian).

It is important that parents are aware of the MetaVerse, children are going to start talking about it. The NSPCC have put a useful little guide together which would be worth sending out. You can view the guide [HERE](#)

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/what-is-the-meta-averse>

The Dark Web Explained

The CEOP Education Team have put together a dark web explainer video in collaboration with the Children's Society and the Marie Collins Foundation, including factsheets for professionals, parents and carers. The video briefly explains what the dark web is, why young people might want to go on it and what to do if a young person has accessed it.

Important: this video is NOT for students.

You can access the staff and parents versions [HERE](#)

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/resources/dark-web-explained>

Skin Gambling

Do you know what a skin is? Do you know what skin gambling is? They are both related to gaming and as such it is an area that is becoming more concerning. SWGfL have put together a brief guide explaining skin gambling which would be useful to share with staff and parents to raise their awareness.

You can read the guide [HERE](#)

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/skin-gambling-a-guide-for-professionals-parents-and-carers/>

YouTube Restrictions

The primary concern that comes from parents is often in relation to content and the inability to have much control over what their children see. YouTube (Google) have been updating some of their features over the last year and these changes are very positive. To help parents

understand more about these features and how to use them the Online Safety Adviser has compiled 5 short videos (from YouTube) onto one page covering:

YouTube Kids

- Parent Allowlisting (this is a fantastic new feature).
- Selecting content based on the age of the child.
- How to approve what your children can watch.
- Limiting screen time.

Main YouTube (app/website)

- Supervised experience (the ability to set a filtering level based on the age of the child).

Follow this link for more information:

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/youtube-parental-restrictions/>

Discord Security Settings

During and post-lockdown the app Discord has become hugely popular, including with Years 5 and 6 children. Historically usage was related to gaming, where young people would play online games together and discuss the game within the Discord app. But no longer, it's basically being used as a messaging system similar in many ways to WhatsApp. As with many apps there is no age verification and there is lots of 18+ content, including children setting up their own servers (chat rooms) and allowing anyone to enter. The safety features within Discord are unsurprisingly limited but there are some you can view [HERE](#).

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/discord-security-settings-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers/>

Have your say on mental health in schools

As part of its behaviour and mental health in schools' inquiry, the Children and Young People's Mental Health Coalition (CYPMHC) has launched a call for evidence to gather insight and evidence to best inform its work. In particular, it is looking for evidence relating to the links between mental health and behaviour, the impact of school behaviour policies on mental health and wellbeing, and best practice examples and the effectiveness of current approaches.

This is not related to our school specifically, but will inform government policies going forward, so the more they hear from parents, professionals and students, the better.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfmJGVmko6iINGNEGDVHURr7U3VB_wNsJvmCQ_Lh_qTQ7hZRBw/viewform