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2nd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Invitation to a Workshop

Next week combines two special events in our school calendar: Children's Mental Health Awareness week and Safer Internet Day (Tuesday 6th February 2024).

We know that both issues are often linked for our students. Poor online conduct can have a negative effect on students' wellbeing and likewise those students who are struggling with their mental health can find online guidance that is ill-informed and incorrect.

Across the school we will be running a series of events:

- Throughout the week all students in Years 7, 8, & 9 will participate in an online safety workshop led by our Computer Science teachers during their Computer Science lessons.
- Tuesday 6th February students will participate in a bespoke form-time workshop written by our Director of Personal Development. This workshop will explain the risks online, how to show good online behaviour, and how to seek support should things go wrong.
- **Wednesday 7**th **February** students will participate in an assembly led by me that will address the positive and negative aspects of being a member of an online community.
- Thursday 8th February we would like to invite Parents and Carers into school to attend a
 workshop 'Knowing your child is safe with their smartphone' from 4:00pm 5:00pm. This
 workshop will share updated information on the risks of smartphones and how you can be
 confident that your child is using their smartphone safely and appropriately. If you would like to
 attend the workshop, please <u>click here to register</u> or scan the QR code below. Spaces are
 limited and are on a first come first served basis.

All of our students can report any concerns that they have to any of our trusted adults in school and through our online self-referral platform. You can find out more by clicking here.

Yours sincerely,

Mr H. Derry Principal

Waverley School - Secondary & Sixth Form

Knowing your child is safe with their smartphone

8th Feb 2024 – 4:00 – 6:00

Register your attendance