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Safer Internet Day 2022



Safer Internet Day 2022 Tuesday 8 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

On Tuesday 8 February 2022, it was Safer Internet Day and we have been learning to keep ourselves safe online in our school community, in our IT lessons, our Pastoral Curriculum and our dedicated PSHE lessons for all years.

Safer Internet Day is celebrated across the globe in over 170 countries, with thousands of young people joining in across the UK to explore how they can use the internet responsibly, respectfully, and creatively whilst making the most of their relationships online.



Not only did we celebrate Safer Internet Day on the Tuesday 8 February 2022, we made it a whole week of activities.

Students PSHE lessons this week focussed on stranger danger and the dangers of making connections to people online that they do not know. We discussed online grooming and reminded students of where they can seek support if they were worried or concerned.

During the pastoral curriculum, we discussed UNICEF's voices of youth blog, which focuses on three ways of being kind to each other online:

1. Spread love not hate
2. Don't like, favourite, retweet, post or comment on negativity.
3. Disagree respectfully.

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Please follow this [LINK](#) for useful information, organisations and resources for Parents and Carers.

You can find out more about this blog [here](#).

In computing lessons students have been exploring their digital tattoo. We all leave a digital footprint behind us as we journey through the online world. Every text, share and interaction online may fade but much like a tattoo, they will never go away entirely. Students were learning about responsibility online and ensuring that they all leave a positive digital footprint behind.



National Parental Support

We are working with National Online Safety, providing resources for all parents and carers on online safety. Please see the letter attached with more information and how to join this great resource

The NSPCC is an excellent source of information and they have a new campaign website (stopabusetogether.campaign.gov.uk) that can help parents and carers learn to spot the signs. Having regular conversations with their child can help parents and carers learn to spot the signs and can keep them safer and know when it is right to reach out for support.

NSPCC

There, as always, is lots of information regarding support and advice on our school safeguarding pages around internet safety, please click [HERE](#).

Concerned about your Child's Internet Use? Check your child's internet access, paying particular attention to their internet history and use of apps. Please remember to check all the internet-enabled devices your child uses including phones, tablets and games consoles. School devices including the new Chromebooks have Securus installed which detects and logs inappropriate phrases and pictures which is monitored frequently. The following links give information on how to help keep your child safe online, advice on how to complete these checks and how to set up parental controls:

[NSPCC - Keeping Children Safe Online](#)

[NSPCC - Online Safety—Parental Controls](#)

If you require further support with completing these checks please email chromebooks-tsa@yare-edu.org.uk and a member of our IT Support Team will respond.

If you are concerned by anything you find, please report to Norfolk Police by calling **101** and ask to speak with a member of the Safeguarding Children Online Team. You can also contact Norfolk Children's Services on **0344 800 8020**



We would ask that you also inform our Safeguarding Leads if you take this action, so that we can best support your child in school. If you have concerns about how your child has been affected by this situation and wish to access further support, please contact them via one of the following emails:

Mrs Veeren, Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead (SDSL): lveeren45rp@yare-edu.org.uk

Mr Byram, Alternative Designated Safeguarding Lead (ADSL): abyram9nnp@yare-edu.org.uk



Concerned that your child is online late in the evening on their Chromebook? As a parent, if you are at all concerned about your child and their access to the internet in the evening, our IT technicians have found a way for the school to limit internet access (effectively turning off the Wi-Fi access on the Chromebook so that it cannot be used late at night). If you are concerned that your child may be having too much screen time late into the evenings then in the first instance, discuss this with your child and if required please contact our IT technicians using the email chromebook-tsa@yare-edu.org.uk where we will contact you to discuss how we can limit this internet access.

Attendance Matters - This week we celebrate the Forms with the best attendance record. Click [here](#) for the overall Champion Form.



Dear Parents and Carers

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

We are therefore delighted to announce that **Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form** has shown our commitment to protecting our students online by working with National Online Safety, providing resources for all parents and carers.

The resources include Parents and Carers courses (presented by Myleene Klass), online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including:

- Online Relationships
- Fake Profiles & Social Bots
- Online Bullying
- Online Grooming
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexual Harassment & Violence
- Sexting
- Live Streaming
- Online Identity
- Screen Addiction
- Online Challenges
- Overspending
- Social Media Platforms
- Online Gambling
- Radicalisation, Terrorism & Extremism
- Age Inappropriate Content
- Copyright & Ownership
- Hacking
- Fake News
- Online Fraud
- Online Reputation
- Personal Data
- Pornography
- Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups
- The Dark Web
- Games & Trends

To create your account, please follow this [LINK](#) and complete your details. When you are set up, you will be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device, including via our brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Alternatively, search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store.

Answers to frequently asked questions and customer service can be accessed at <https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre>.

Yours faithfully

Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form

Successful Rollout of Year 8 Chromebooks - Half a term has now gone by, where all Year 8 students have taken the responsibility for their own Chromebook and are accessing it in classes, on the direction of the teacher. The scheme has given students access to the internet and internet-based resources. This would not have been possible under the old system of each department having only a limited number of computers. We have seen students using them to research in PSHE lessons, practice maths questions via MyMaths and using them in science lessons to investigate scientific simulations among many other uses. Teachers will continue to develop the curriculum, to incorporate the appropriate use of Chromebooks in lessons and for homework whilst also being mindful of ensuring that students continue to gain the skills needed to cope without using technology in preparation for examinations in the future (where currently the use of technology is limited, examinations are still currently done with paper and pen). Students have followed routines, using the waterproof bags supplied to keep their



"The Chromebook has been useful, as I can do my lessons when I cannot get across site"

Chromebooks dry during the wetter days of January and the very small number of students that have had issues with their Chromebooks have been loaned a replacement device while our fantastic IT technicians resolve any problems within the day.

Parents and students of Year 8 will shortly be sent a Google Form regarding their child's use and experience of Chromebooks over this first half term. Students will be asked to

complete a Google Form during their first form period back after half-term to evaluate how well the first half-term has gone with the Chromebooks. Some parents may have had concerns over screen time but we are pleased to say that students have followed routines and ensured that Chromebooks are put away after every lesson and not used during social break and lunchtimes.

Thank you to all Year 7 parents that have completed all of the necessary paperwork that we have contacted you about. Year 7 students will receive their Chromebooks on the first day after half term. Year 10 rollout is planned for after Easter with Years 9 and 12 in the Summer Term and new Year 7s and 12s for September 2022.

Filters and Protection Online on School Devices In and Out of School - Be assured that **all** internet access is filtered via Smoothwall which scans each webpage real time and filters websites according to our policies. Website access can also be controlled on an individual basis. If you have any suggestions or comments regarding access to a particular site please request this via chromebook-tsa@yare-edu.org.uk. Chromebook usage is logged using Securix, which provides monitoring and safeguarding services.



The following articles are on our website.

To read these in full, please visit our [website](#) or click on the links below.

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Important Information about Examinations and Assessments for Years 11, 12 and 13

Please follow this [LINK](#) to watch a video from Mr Hookway regarding examinations for 2022.



Cross Country Race

Well done to all our students who have represented Norfolk at the Anglian Schools Cross Country in Woodbridge.



An **IMPRESSIVE** win for our U12 Girls' Football Team an astounding 7-0 victory. Click [HERE](#) to find out more.



Calling out for donations of Shoe Boxes for the Art Department. If you have any spare shoe boxes, please can students take these to the Art Department.

We ARE Thorpe, and #weARErespectful - We challenged students to get 1% better every day. This does not just apply to test scores and grades, this also relates to our behaviour. This week we asked students to reflect on showing respect through being kind, especially online. This half term over 11000 rewards have been issued for respect, that is nearly 2500 a week. Well done everyone who has received a reward, we are proud of you. The ongoing challenge remains though, can you be 1% more kind tomorrow? Just imagine how much better our environment could be if we all did that!



Hot Sauce Charity Competition: The Sixth Form Charity Team are looking for volunteers for their upcoming charity event. It is a hot sauce eating competition, click [HERE](#) for more details.



Congratulations to our T Level Students, please click [here](#) for more information.

Are you struggling to pay for school uniform, or need help to pay for your child's residential school trip?



Please click [here](#) to see how the Anguish Foundation can help.

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SURVEY TIME!

Tell us what **you** think!

CRAFTING TASTY DISHES EVERY DAY



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