

Year 11 Update – 29.09.23

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11,

Subject: Key Notices and Parental Feedback

Parents Information Evening:

On **Thursday 12th October**, we will be holding a **Year 11 Parents Information Evening**. This event will be from 6 - 7pm, and will include important information including key dates and preparation, as well as how to best support your child in their most important academic year to date. We will also be joined for the evening by chartered psychologist, Dr Martijn Van der Spoel, who has worked for a number of years with students, staff, and parents alike, to discuss how we can all best support students navigate their way through the year and assist in the many obstacles that they may face. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Parental Feedback:

It has come to that time of year, where we ask parents in Year 11 for their thoughts. Your feedback is important to us, and ensures that we are continually improving our practice. Please can you take a few minutes to answer the multiple choice questionnaire here:

<https://forms.gle/64T9YhFezza4gYKN8>

Safeguarding Snapshot:

End-to-end encryption

In today's world, the rise of e-communication fuelled by the increased sophistication of mobile phones, and communication apps such as WhatsApp and the direct message feature of Instagram has made image sharing an essential of telephonic dialogue. End-to-end encryption is now becoming a must-have feature in the ecommunication world. End-to-end encryption is a security method that keeps your communications secure. With end-to-end encryption, no one, including Google and third parties, can read eligible messages as they travel between your phone and the phone you message. The commencement of end-to-end encryption as a feature of all messaging apps, owes much to the screen capturing of private images and texts in the adult world. However, the question remains is the enhancement of security via this level of encryption an advantage or disadvantage to child protection? The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), has recently published an article on this topic. Please follow the link below to find out ways to help keep your children safe online :

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/end-to-end-encryption-and-keeping-your-child-safe-online/>

Friends of Vyners' Quiz Night:

On the 6th October, there will be a quiz night held at school by 'Friends of Vyners'. This will take place in the gym. More information on Friends of Vyners, and the Quiz information can be found on the school website via this link [[here](#)].

Best wishes,

Ms Hockley