



## Safeguarding Newsletter – February 2019

### Dead-End Road Safety Presentation Year 11



On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February, Year 11 students were given a presentation on the importance of road safety. The 'hard hitting' presentation guided students through a series of scenarios encouraging them to make positive decisions about personal safety.

### Safer Internet Day



The academy further developed the importance of staying safe online by acknowledging **Safer Internet Day** on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. We hosted a week of assemblies to further raise student awareness of staying safe on-line.

All students were given important information during College Assemblies on the dangers of sharing material online, as well as issues around giving social media platforms permission to access personal data. For more information, visit the Safer Internet website at:

[www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019)

### Healthy Relationships Year 9

To ensure that the students receive a comprehensive coverage of this topic we are working in partnership with the 'Healthy Relationships' Team from the Local Authority.

Representatives from this team will be coming into the academy to deliver a one-hour session to each tutor group where students will be given advice and guidance on how to safeguard and protect themselves from entering into abusive relationships.



The scheme helps young people to address, in an age-appropriate way, issues that will lay important foundations for enabling them to have positive relationships, and promotes sexual health by reducing risk taking and highlighting healthy choices.

The programme utilises group work and participatory techniques that encourage young people to think for themselves, develop communication skills and learn about relationships through a curriculum that recognises and respects diversity.





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### **Parental Advice:** **'Kik Messenger'**

We would like to make parents aware of recent concerns around a new messaging app 'Kik Messenger'. This is a free messaging app aimed at users aged thirteen and over. Used by more than 300 million people worldwide, Kik lets users exchange messages, photos, videos, GIFs and web pages with friends, family, chatbots and even strangers.



Unlike WhatsApp, Kik doesn't require a user to sign up with a phone number. Instead, friends can be added via their username, making it easier for users to receive unwanted contact from strangers. Police in the UK issued a safety warning earlier in the year, claiming that Kik has featured in 'more than 1,100 child sexual abuse cases in the last five years' and that 'children are at risk' on the app.

### **Who to contact?**

If you would like to contact outside agencies for advice, help or guidance, please contact one of the numbers below:

**First Contact Team (Social Care):**  
01702 215007 (Mon-Fri)

**Out of Hours Team (Social Care):**  
08456061212 (365 days)

**NSPCC Helpline:** 0808 800 5000

**Childline:** 0800 1111

**Police:**  
999 (Emergency) or 101 (Non-Emergency)

### **Parental Advice:** **'Grand Theft Auto'**

The Online Safety campaign group 'National Online Safety' have created a free online safety guide for schools to share with parents and carers about Grand Theft Auto (GTA)



The 18+ rated game in which sex, violence, profane language and nudity form the main themes of the game. Popular for its criminal narrative, the GTA series encourages users to break the law in order to succeed and progress through the game.

**Access the free online guide here:**

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/plattform-guides/grand-theft-auto-online-safety-guide-for-parents/>

### **Keep Left Initiative:**

Following our annual student audit in safeguarding, we have implemented a new 'Keep Left' initiative to help promote a calm and purposeful atmosphere around the academy site.

This is proving to be a great success with staff and students repeating the following phrase between lesson changeover:

***"All we ask is one simple request. Walk down the corridor and keep to the left"***

### **Belfairs Designated Safeguarding Leads:**



**Mrs Foster**  
Assistant Principal



**Mr Zweistra**  
Vice Principal



**Mr Evans**  
Assistant Principal