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Dear Parents and Carers

It has come to our attention that some pupils in Year 7 might have been sharing images of themselves via social media.

We have addressed this today by speaking to all of the pupils in the year group. We have reminded them how to keep themselves safe online. We have also reminded them of the legal position regarding requesting, sending or possessing images that might be inappropriate and we have reiterated that pupils should not be using their mobile phones during the school day – these should be switched off and put away safely.

There are many sources of support and guidance for parents and carers. A particularly useful one is provided by the NSPCC at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

It is important for parents to monitor their child's phone, the photos they are taking and their usage of social media. Most social media platforms have an age restriction of 13+ and so pupils in Year 7 should not be accessing them – see below:



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If you would like further support and guidance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Page, Deputy Headteacher and
Mrs N Osborne, Head of Key Stage 3

Help is at hand for families struggling with the utility bills

If you are having difficulties with the cost of energy bills, you may be eligible for a FREE fuel voucher from Citizens Advice to help pay for your utilities.

For more details and to find local branch contact details visit the Citizens Advice website:

<https://citahants.org>

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