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Dear Parents/Guardians

## **Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10 and Y12 E-Safety Workshops and Parents' Awareness Session – Thursday 3 May 2018**

As part of your son's PSHE programme, we have arranged for Barabarani Education Services to visit Bishops on Thursday 3 May to run a series of E-Safety workshops. Each year group will spend a double period with Barabarani and Years 7 – 10 will explore the benefits and dangers associated with use of the internet and mobile technology, including some work on appropriate and inappropriate communications and on cyber-bullying. They will also focus on the dangers to which young people expose themselves on the internet through social networking sites, chat rooms, Instagram/Snapchat and Twitter. They will look at the creation of an indelible cyber footprint and cover some ground rules for safer use of the internet.

Year 12 will focus on a series of objectives including:

- To develop some understanding of the difference between use and abuse of technology
- To consider the vulnerability of photographs on phones and the internet
- To consider how you really know who you're talking to
- To ensure understanding of how easy it can be to become carried away with conversations and relationships in the real and the virtual worlds
- To consider what is grooming, how to recognise it and how to combat it
- To consider what is cyber-bullying
- To consider the risks associated with use of chatrooms, virtual worlds, gaming sites and Bluetooth and internet enabled devices

This event does carry a significant cost so I would be grateful for a voluntary contribution of £2 if you feel that you are able to contribute.

We are also hoping to run a Parents' Awareness Session in the evening on Thursday 3 May at 7pm and please note that **this session is open to all parents** but boys should **not** attend. This session will set out the dangers to which young people are exposing themselves, identifying signs of concern and aiming to provide some tools for parents.

**This session is not appropriate for students of any age as they will be making adults aware of sites commonly used by students such as highly explicit online dating sites, self-harm sites, the 'deep net' and the 'dark net'.**

The Parents' Awareness Session is dependent on having a sufficient number of parents attending so I would be grateful for a quick response and would ask that we have your payments no later than Thursday 26 April so that this event can be confirmed. The cost of the evening session for parents will be £5 per person.

## **PAYMENT**

**Online:** Via [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com). If you need a link code please email [amh@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:amh@bws.wilts.sch.uk).

**Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10 and Y12 E-Safety Workshops – Voluntary Contribution - £2**

**Parents' Awareness Session - £5 per person by Thursday 26 April 2018**

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S D Smallwood', with a stylized flourish at the end.

S D Smallwood  
Head Master