

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Special Assemblies – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019

According to a recent survey by children's online safety charity Childnet, over half of teenagers in the UK have witnessed their peers circulating nude or nearly nude images of someone they know. It is very easy for a young person to lose control of any image shared and the very act of sharing an image can have a damaging psychological impact on the young person concerned. Other risks include embarrassment, bullying, distress and an increased vulnerability to sexual exploitation.

In response to national trends and a handful of local incidents we will be conducting a series of special assemblies for years 7 to 11 on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019. These assemblies are designed to make students aware of the dangers of sharing inappropriate self-generated images online and the possible consequences of such actions.

Following these assemblies, pastoral support will be in place for any students wanting to discuss concerns or discuss issues further.

If you require any further information, please contact your child's Progress Leader.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher

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Online Safety Coordinator and CEOP Ambassador