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Dear Parents and Carers

## Safer Internet Day and Breck Foundation

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 we marked 'Safer Internet Day' and 'Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week'. As I am sure you will agree, marking these awareness days are so important to the safety and wellbeing of our young people.

We began with a presentation from PCSO Ellis Hacking and PCSO Sarah Dufton of the Digital Police. They informed students how to stay safe online and the legalities around online usage. They introduced us to a couple of resources which we feel parents would be interested in:

Digital MOT - By answering a few simple questions, we will tell you the most important things you can do to protect yourself online. <https://www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk/what-we-do/cyber-crime/reporting-cybercrime/digital-mot/digital-mot.aspx>

What 3 Words - By downloading this app, close contacts and emergency services can pinpoint someone's exact location if in danger <https://what3words.com/pretty.needed.chill>

Hollie Guard - In danger? With a simple shake or tap it activates Hollie Guard, immediately notifying your chosen contacts, pinpointing your location and sending audio and video evidence directly to their mobile phones. <https://www.hollieguard.com/>

Following on from the 'Safer Internet Day' assemblies, we will be hosting online sessions on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February for Years 7-11, which will be delivered by a trainer from The Breck Foundation. The Breck Foundation campaigns for a safer internet for all children and young people – whether they are gaming, communicating on social media, using apps or taking part in any other internet-based activity.

If you would like to read a little more about the background to the foundation, and Breck's story, you can do so here: <https://www.breckfoundation.org/brecks-story>

As part of this assembly, students will be shown the short film 'Breck's Last Game'. If this was shown in the cinema it would be rated 15. We feel strongly that the message of Breck's story is very important. If you would like to view it in advance, you can do so here: [https://youtu.be/U\\_fExISISv4](https://youtu.be/U_fExISISv4)

We would also like you to know that you can choose for your child to opt out of the assembly and we will staff alternate provision for them at the time. We would encourage all to attend and will have pastoral support on standby if students require it, but we respect your rights as parents to choose. If you would prefer your child not to attend the assemblies, please opt out by following this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/Nkk5Mb2iCQ>

Yours faithfully

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