



HARROGATE  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

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Dear Parent/Carer

**e-Safety Assembly – Tuesday 5 December**

The school continues to provide clear, up to date guidance to all our students about e-Safety through Computing lessons, 'The Big Picture' curriculum and in Assemblies. Students are made aware of the impact of cyberbullying and how to seek help if they are affected by any form of online bullying. We also teach students about the dangers of releasing personal information through the use of social networking platforms and instant messaging/chat facilities. Students are regularly reminded of the importance of a positive digital footprint and of the various laws around online communication. Students are also informed of the risk and legal implications of sharing inappropriate images and about the safe use of webcam. The school uses resources devised by the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) centre, a command of the National Crime Agency. Their website, [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) is recommended to all students and is also a most valuable resource for parents and carers.

As part of this commitment to the e-Safety of our students, we will be showing a short film to Year 9 in assembly on Tuesday 5 December.

This award-winning film, called Kayleigh's Love Story, has been produced by Leicestershire Police to warn of the dangers of online grooming and sexual exploitation. There will be time after the film for students to discuss the issues raised by the film. You can view this film at <http://www.hinckleytimes.net/news/local-news/leicestershire-police-release-kayleigh-haywood-12397069>. If you feel that it would be too distressing for your child to see the film, please let us know by emailing Mr Thurley [ThurleyA@hgs.rklt.co.uk](mailto:ThurleyA@hgs.rklt.co.uk) and your child can be excused from assembly.

The film ends with the important message "*Stop and think. When you meet someone online, you don't always know to whom you are talking.*" In showing this film, we will further remind students about how to stay safe online as well as how to report anything that has made them feel worried or unsafe through <https://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>. This website also contains links to a range of information about how to keep children safe online which you may also wish to read. There is a link to CEOP within our [safeguarding](#) page on our website.

Yours sincerely,

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**Mr Thurley**  
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