



SAFEGUARDING news

E-Safety

It has been a busy year monitoring and filtering students and pupil's devices. Smoothwall uses real time filtering with monitored alerts to assist schools in their e-safety. This year Smoothwall has detected and reported over one thousand incidents that the safeguarding and IT team have investigated to ensure the colleges network is as safe as it can be. More information on Smoothwall can be found [here](#).

Top tips for parents to help support in monitoring the use of iPads:

1. If you hear your child discussing a proxy site or can watch, YouTube videos on their iPads please let us know. If they are gaming on their iPads, please let us know. We can check they have not bypassed the filtering system, so we encourage you to please report. Pupils often ask why we prevent them from doing this? The answer is easy, it is to prevent online messaging with people they do not know in real life and accessing content that is not age appropriate or harmful.
2. Remember the iPads do have cameras on them please monitor your child's use of these at home. From September 2024 Smoothwall will be releasing an update to check not only for typed messages but also image detection.
3. Set your Wi-Fi to turn off your child's access at a specific time of the day to allow them non-screen time before bed. More advice on how to do this can be found on our [website](#) or from your internet provider [here](#).

Think about having a summer of fun away from screens using the guide from [Inege Safeguarding Group](#) to help reduce screen time.

SUMMER 2024



Everyone's Invited

In line with our ongoing work on Child-on-Child Abuse, we are continuing to work with the organisation [Everyone's Invited](#).

The Everyone's Invited education programme is designed to empower school communities to promote healthy relationships & sexual well-being.

We recently offered a parent webinar early in July which covered the rise of online misogyny, what young people might be consuming online and other important topics for parents.

Thank you to those of you who attended, we hope you found the webinar informative. Please find [here](#) the Everyone's Invited Parent Sharing Manual for your perusal.

We will continue this work with pupils in school in September, which will include pupil workshops with representatives from Everyone's Invited. Staff also attended a sharing session facilitated by Everyone's Invited in school earlier this year.



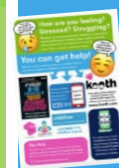
Coffee with a Cop!

Coffee with a Cop continues into the next academic year. This is an opportunity for pupils and staff to meet and speak with our local PCSO. Posters will feature around school with dates and times.

Social Media & Gaming

This summer please reflect and think about when your child first accessed social media and what date of birth, they used to set up their accounts. For example, if they said they were thirteen when setting up their social media that means in 5 years from that date the social media company will assume they are an adult and as such show much more graphic content. If they have used your date of birth, then the social media companies would not have been filtering any content not suitable for children. Please look at the website on [e-safety](#) and [keeping safe online](#) for resources to help and guide you.

Student Support



If, over the summer break, you feel you need support, visit the student support and wellbeing page on the website [here](#).

There are people ready to listen, help and support you. Do not struggle alone.

If a child is in immediate danger or at risk of harm, contact children's social care 0345 045 5203 (office hours) 01733 234 724 (out of hours), the police 101 or in an emergency 999.



Concerned? Email safeguarding@combertonvc.org
Inbox checked intermittently over the school holidays.

