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## **Year 8 Social Media Awareness Evening**

Meeting for Parents with the Head of Year 8

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - 5:30 to 6:15pm

Venue: Main Hall, entrance

via Lady Margaret Road

28th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to invite you to attend our Year 8 Social Media Awareness Evening on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 5:30pm – 6:15pm at Greenford High School in the Main Hall.

Although technology and social media can be a great resource for our young people, there are also various dangers that we need to protect our children from. As a year team, we are committed to ensuring that our students stay safe online. However, this is not possible without your support as parents too. We would therefore hugely appreciate your attendance on the evening so that we can work together to achieve this.

The presentation will cover:

- Common social media issues within Year 8
- The potential dangers of social media for young people including online bullying, grooming and exposure to inappropriate content
- How to manage your child's phone usage
- A focus on the 'Big Three' social media platforms used by young people; TikTok,
   WhatsApp and Snapchat
- Clear actions for you to take to ensure your child is safe on TikTok, WhatsApp and Snapchat
- How Greenford High School will respond to online bullying
- Information on support available for parents/carers, including organisations such as **CEOP** and **Google Family Link**

To ensure that parents/carers are able to action the guidance discussed in the presentation, we have created a step-by-step information leaflet for you to take home on the evening.

Following the Social Media Awareness Evening, we will deliver the same key messages to our year 8 students in assembly, form time and PSHE.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Tara Quigley Head of Year 8