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Dear Parents

'Internet Safety' Presentation for parents – Thursday, 20 October at 6.30pm

At Ripon Grammar School, we recognise the concern parents have with regard their children using the internet and social media. The internet is ever evolving and we strive in school to provide our young people with knowledge of internet safety.

On Thursday 20th October at 6.30pm in the School Hall, Sarah Lynch, a recently retired detective, will be coming into school to provide parents with an Internet Safety Presentation.

Below is an introduction from Sarah where she outlines her credentials and knowledge of internet safety:

"Dear Parents, I look forward to meeting you. I have worked as a detective for the last thirteen years investigating a wide variety of serious crime, including prosecuting defendants who possessed and distributed indecent images of children.

Young people now access the internet in an increasingly diverse number of ways. They are spending more and more time online. The web provides a fantastic access to resources for homework and fun games. However, they may come across content that is inappropriate or encounter cyber bullying.

Social media is one of the main ways for young people to keep in touch with their friends. They share videos, photos and post comments online, sometimes without thinking about the consequences.

My main strategy within my presentations is to ensure parents are aware they do not have to be technical with media and computers to support their children online. Understanding your children's digital world and the possible risks they may come across will help you to keep your child safe online. During my presentation I will provide information about:

- Social Media
- Maintaining Social Media decorum
- How to once home, manage digital devices and social media security controls
- Your child's future Digital Footprint
- Parental Controls from the internet to gaming
- Who are their friends online? Who are they actually playing games with?
- Online Bullying
- Web browsing safely

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- Child friendly search engines
- Sexting and inappropriate selfies
- Teenage helplines

I am a local mum of three boys. Two are in primary education and my eldest is at RGS. On the 20th October I will describe what I have learned about internet safety and how you can reach out for the support you need.

Kind regards

Sarah Lynch

Go Wise Online, www.gowisonline.co.uk or www.facebook.com/gowisonline”

I hope the evening will be well attended and will provide valuable information for parents regarding internet safety.

If you wish to attend, please email Mrs Kinread at kinreadc@ripongrammar.co.uk to give us an idea of the number wishing to attend.

Yours sincerely

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