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Half Term Four



HEADTEACHERS WELCOME

Welcome to our Easter newsletter. In the weeks since January we have once again been so proud of our students' progress and dedication to their learning. There have been so many events and the time has flown by! All of the articles here are a tribute to their successes and we are delighted to share them with you. Life is finally returning to normal with trips and events now re-engaging our students in their extra-curricular opportunities. This is wonderful to see. I hope that you enjoy reading all about the last term and look forward to seeing you all again in the summer term. Have a fantastic Easter break. With very best wishes...



We are delighted to continue our Deyes High School 2021-22 extra-curricular timetable. There are some fantastic opportunities for personal development available for your child at Deyes so we ask could you please encourage their attendance to these clubs.

Details of these clubs can also be found electronically on our school website <https://www.deyeshigh.co.uk/school-life/extra-curricular/>

DEYES HIGH SCHOOL EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE 2021-22

DAY	CLUB NAME	DEPARTMENT	STAFF	WEEK	TIME	YEAR GROUP	LOCATION
Monday	SEND 'Mindful Mondays': Meditation, mindfulness colouring and all things calm!	SEND	Teaching Assistants	A & B	Registration	ALL	LRC
Monday	SEND social club	SEND	HDU	A & B	Break & lunch	ALL	LRC
Monday	Sixth Form Football	PE	ARW	A only	Lunch time	Y12/13	Sports Hall
Sunday	Yoga/minifitness club (selected students)	PE	Mr Hodge	A & B	Lunchtime	Y7 & Y8	Gym
Monday	Photography	Art	JJI	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	ALL	L10
Monday	Couch to 5k	Wellbeing	JGE	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	ALL	Field
Monday	Crocheting Club	Wellbeing	LBV	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	ALL	LRC
Tuesday	SEND 'Talk Tuesdays': Pupils will be encouraged to develop positive communication skills and social skills.	SEND	Teaching Assistants	A & B	Registration	ALL	LRC
Tuesday	SEND social club	SEND	HDU	A & B	Break & lunch	ALL	LRC
Tuesday	Benchball yr 7-9	Physical education	LHA	B only	Lunch time	ALL	Gymnasium
Tuesday	Dance	Dance performing arts/English	CE & TM	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	ALL	Dance studio/PE sports hall
Tuesday	Movie Club	English	EJS	A only	3.15pm-4.15pm	ALL	L21
Tuesday	Netball match night	Physical education	LHA	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	ALL	Outdoor netball courts or sports hall if unsuitable outdoors
Tuesday	Art Club	Art	SDO	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	ALL	L7
Tuesday	SEND homework club	SEND	MHA	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	ALL	LRC
Tuesday	ICT homework club	ICT	JSO	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	ALL	D23
Tuesday	Drama Club Yr 7-9	EPA	NPA/TNE	A only	3.15pm-4.15pm	Y7-9	Stage (Hall)
Tuesday	Year 7 Dance Club	dance	NMA	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	Y7	UB dance studio
Tuesday	Uingo Stars	MFL	HSW/JMCHugh	A & B	Lunch time	Y7-9	MU4
Tuesday	Football	PE	ARW	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	Y7	field
Tuesday	Science Club	Science	MHA	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	Y7 & Y8	S11
Tuesday	Science Club	Science	Grace Dennis (Trainee)	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	Y7 & Y8	S12
Tuesday	Year 8 Dance Club	Dance	NMA	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	Y8	UB Dance studio
Tuesday	Year 8 cooking club	Food and nutrition	FWI	B only	3.15pm-4.15pm	Y8	L1
Tuesday	football	pe	zww	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	Y8	Field
Tuesday	Football Year 9 club/fixture	PE	JMC	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	Y9	Field or away fixtures
Tuesday	Fake Away Club	Food Technology	HDE	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	Y10	L2
Wednesday	SEND 'Wellbeing Wednesdays': A chance to speak with pupils about how to improve their overall well-being.	SEND	Teaching Assistants	A & B	Registration	ALL	LRC
Wednesday	SEND social club	SEND	HDU	A & B	Break & lunch	ALL	LRC
Wednesday	Benchball Yr 7-9	Physical education	LHA	A only	Lunch time	ALL	Gymnasium
Wednesday	Ecology Club	Science	CBG	A & B	Lunch time	Y7/Y9	S10
Wednesday	Yr 8 Basketball	PE	JMC	B only	Lunch time	Y8	Gym
Wednesday	Year 9 Dodgeball	PE	CPA	A & B	Lunch time	Y9	Sports Hall
Wednesday	Dance	Dance performing arts/English	CE & TM	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	ALL	Dance studio/PE Sports hall
Wednesday	Rugby Club	PE	CPA	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	ALL	Field
Wednesday	Netball All years	Physical Education	LHA	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	ALL	Outside netball courts, if raining practice will be in the sports hall
Wednesday	Girls Football	Science	Faye Reynolds (Trainee)	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	ALL	Field
Wednesday	SEND homework club	SEND	KHA	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	ALL	LRC
Wednesday	ICT homework club	ICT	JSO	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	ALL	D23
Wednesday	K33 maths problem solving club	Maths	JPH/PRH/RHU	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	Y8	MIC2
Wednesday	Year 9 Dance Club	Dance	NMA	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	Y9	UB Dance Studio
Wednesday	Football Year 9 club/fixture	PE	JMC	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	Y9	Field / away fixtures
Wednesday	Year 10 Dance Club	Dance	NMA	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	Y10	UB Dance Studio
Wednesday	FL in schools	D&T	SNO	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	Y10/Y12/Y13	A23
Wednesday	Year 11 Dance club	Dance	NMA	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	Y11	UB Dance studio
Thursday	SEND 'Target Thursdays': An opportunity to speak with the pupils about what targets they'd like to set themselves for the coming week. A chance to reflect on targets set on the previous weeks.	SEND	Teaching Assistants	A & B	Registration	ALL	LRC
Thursday	SEND social club	SEND	HDU	A & B	Break & lunch	ALL	LRC
Thursday	Year 7 Dodgeball	PE	CPA	A only	Lunch time	Y7	Sports Hall
Thursday	10/11 Basketball	PE	JMC	A only	Lunch time	Y10	Gym
Thursday	Benchball	PE	KTU	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	ALL	Sports Hall Yr7,8,9,10 and 11
Thursday	SEND homework club	SEND	MHA	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	ALL	LRC
Thursday	ICT homework club	ICT	JSO	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	ALL	D23
Thursday	Choir	Music	GNO	A only	3.15pm-4.15pm	Y7	US
Thursday	Football Year 9 club/fixture	PE	JMC	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	Y9	Field / away fixtures
Thursday	Business Studies Guided Practice Sessions	Business	EGR	A only	3.15pm-4.15pm	Y10	Field
Thursday	Year 11 Maths dog in clinic	Maths	All Maths staff on rota	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	Y11	L8
Friday	SEND 'Fun Fridays': Board games and card games available for pupils to use.	SEND	Teaching Assistants	A & B	Registration	ALL	MIC21
Friday	SEND social club	SEND	HDU	A & B	Break & lunch	ALL	LRC
Friday	Year 7 History film club	History	LKA	A & B	Lunch time	Y7	S1
Friday	Basketball Yr 7, 8, 9	PE	KTU	A only	Lunch time	Y7	Sports Hall, Year 7, 8 and 9
Friday	Cyber Centurian	ICT	AUD	A & B	3.15pm-4.15pm	Y11/Y12/Y13	D23

Music - peripatetic instrumental lessons during lessons. Run by Seflon Music Service. All 1:1 and small groups of students learning instruments. US
SEND club. Runs every day (Mon-Fri). Break time and lunch time. LRC
Join and subscribe to 'Deyes High Art Department' on YouTube for tutorials and how to videos from our Art staff!

NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM

We would like to thank you for all the feedback provided on our uniform. It was very clear that high standards and pride in how we present ourselves matters a great deal to all.

As a result of these consultations, taking all views into consideration, some changes will now be made to our uniform policy for September 2022. Firstly, our blazer and tie have been redesigned as shown in the pictures below. The exciting new style updates our uniform, promotes our identity as part of Lydiate Learning Trust and prepares us for our move to the new school building. Both the school and the uniform are unique, dynamic and make a clear statement about our values at Deyes High School.



For this year only, all students will be given a new blazer and tie free of charge ready for September 2022. Full details of this will be sent out in the summer term when items are available at our stockist. Other items of uniform have been fully audited to ensure that they can be purchased in the lowest possible price range across many stockists/stores. In future years, purchases of blazers and ties will need to be included in your uniform budget as they usually have been.

We will also clarify our expectations on issues such as shoes, jewellery and hair next term, giving plenty of notice before purchases are made so that when all students return to school in September, they meet our exemplary standard. I truly believe they will look smarter than ever before and will be as proud as ever to wear the Deyes uniform.

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Book Day 2022

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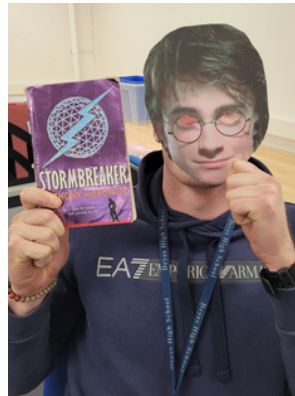
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VIDEOS ON
SOCIAL MEDIA
CHANNELS



For this years World Book Day, we held a competition for students to win a £20 amazon vouchers by taking part in The Masked Reader.

Students were shown pictures of different members of staff who detailed their favourite books and gave clues. Students had to guess the members of staff throughout the day and collect different letters from their names to crack the key word. We also gave our students their book vouchers so they can claim one of the World Book Day £1 books or take this amount off a book of their choosing.

Keep your eyes peeled for the winner of The Masked Reader



BBC SCHOOL NEWS DAY

In March, our large meeting room was turned into a newsroom as our students prepared to publicise breaking news as part of the BBC School Report Day. A group of students in Year 7 and 8 spent the day gathering information on a range of topics including the War in Ukraine, to International Pie Day and Sustainability to International Women's Day.

It was an intense day for our students who showed nothing short of sheer determination throughout and it was an enjoyable day for all involved. Their final products are great and are in for the chance of being shown on The One Show, Newsround or BBC Breakfast, so fingers crossed. Huge congratulations to the students below who participated in the successful day.



Matthew Anderson
Toby Langton
Callum Murray
Georgia Boyd
Sophie Rowlands
Ruby Barr
Kieran Wilson
Ben Smyth
Charlie Meadows
Alex Duckworth
Jacob Morris
Alfie McCall
Tom Goodwin
Olivia Cadwell
Megan Portwine-Hartley
Leila Dris

UKRAINE APPEAL

From Mrs Dainton-King

What can I say ... last week I was totally blown away and with the overwhelming amount of donations that we received to support the Ukraine Essential Humanitarian supplies Appeal.

Everybody pulled together and supported in one way or another.

Special shout out to L30 Community Group, who loaned us their mini bus for the day, because we got more donations than we ever imagined! We managed to fill two minibuses of donations from floor to ceiling.

Once again, our amazing Site Team went above and beyond and collected the Minibus from L30, supported students with loading the vans and delivered two minibuses full of donations to the Roberts Recycling in Huyton, who are loaning their warehouse to the Poliskie Merseyside to store and sort the donations.

From Roberts Recycling in Huyton, our donations were loaded onto Lorries and made their way to the Polish Borders to support the poor families in crisis.

Massive thank you to each and everyone of you who donated to the appeal and or encourage students support the appeal.

Big Shout out to Mr Kingston, Mrs Smith, and Mrs Tinsley for rolling up their sleeves and supporting with organising the donations. Mrs Roberts, for taking in all the donations at the front of school and dealing and answering any queries about the appeal from the local community, so many people within our community in Maghull wanted to support and contribute, which was just amazing.

Students spent their time sorting out a MASSIVE amount of donations. Categories, toiletries, blankets, sanitary products, toys etc and all did so willingly. They were a breath of fresh air to work with.



- Harry McCann 12MSI
- Megan Dykes 7KHI
- Isla Vine 7KHI
- Anna Smith 7KHI
- Summer McCleary 7FHA
- Nancy Hampson 8CGC
- Freya Carvath 7HSM
- Chloe Campbell 7HSM
- Alice McElroy 8ROW
- Kieran Wilson 8ROW
- Sam Davies 10 IVE
- Charlie Kemp 10IVE
- Erin Potter 8LHA
- Eleanor Aldridge
- Poppy Bynes 8CGC
- Lois Gibson 8ETS
- Sophie Walsh 7HSM
- Erica Wodzey 7HSM
- Megan Portwine – Hartley 7KHI
- Laila Dris 7EFE
- Olivia Cardwell 7KHI
- Grant Gibbs 12ARW

And many more students who were too busy to put down their names!

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Also, a big thank you to 11KRI to for given up their form time to support, along with Mrs Ridway and her Year12 Art and Photography students for dedicating their Friday morning supporting with sorting collection and using their amazing photography skills to capture some amazing work.

Miss Owen's amazing Year 12 students for making origami for the symbol of peace, with messages on, just beautiful!

What a team, proud to be Team Deyes and to have made a positive contribution to such an horrendous situation.

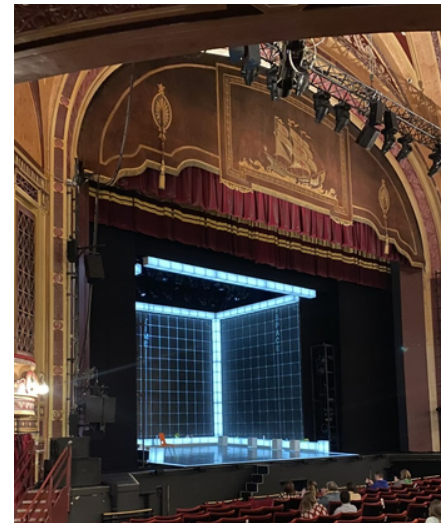
The BIGGEST shoutout must go to Harry McCann Y12, what an amazing young man Harry is, I couldn't have got everything done without Harry stepping up and volunteering. He led the team of younger volunteer's, his work ethic, teamwork, communication, enthusiasm and organisation skills are amazing!

GCSE DRAMA THEATRE TRIP

Our GCSE Drama year 10's got to visit the theatre for the first time this year, enjoying the highly rated Curious Incident of the Dog in the night-time at The Liverpool Empire theatre.

The original novel by Mark Haddon, turned stage production by Simon Stephens, was both touching and electrifying with its spectacular set and physical theatre sequences. The creativity of this production left our pupils in awe and supplied them with inspiration for their own up-coming practical drama exam. Overall, we had a night filled with laughter, crying and many many sweets... the way theatre should be.

Thank for the support of all the staff who came along and gave our students a night to remember.



FOOD TECH BAKERS

Our food tech team wanted to give a big congratulations to all of our students' successful bakes this half term. Our students have worked hard making a range of delicious treats from pizza and pasties to scones. Our Year 11 GCSE students also completed their final bakes for their GCSE in intense day sessions and we are so proud of all our students who continue to work hard in their food tech lessons.



YEAR 10 PRAISE BREAKFAST

Here at Deyes, we like to reward those students who go above and beyond in their lessons and give them the recognition they truly deserve. This term, Miss Turner our Head of Year10, sought praise for students within her year group from their teachers and rewarded them with a complimentary breakfast.

Here are just some of the praises given to our students from their teachers.

Louie Foy- works very hard in photography and is always open to feedback.
I have loved watching Loui supporting others in peer mentor roles

Luke Twamley is fantastic every single lesson. Today, for example, he helped to put away equipment for students who had to go for their exam access arrangement tests, without being asked, he just went ahead and did it for them. This is just one instance of him being a fabulous science student.

Eleanor Scragg and Sophie Blakemore were the leaders for the form for sorting the 'Name the Reindeer' at Christmas time, speaking to all forms in all Year groups.

*Jess Peers for being the most polite lovely young lady, with an amazing work ethic
Callum Sutton for the same reason*

Lottie Badger gave the loveliest baby presents to Mrs. Hughes. Just So lovely.

Lewis Wells took a leadership role and created a PowerPoint focusing on collaborative work and commitment to self and others school value



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

The DofE is many things to many people, supporting generations to successfully navigate adult life. A life-changing experience. A fun time with friends. An opportunity to discover new interests and talents. A tool to develop essential skills for life and work.

Our Year 10's successfully completed their first expedition last weekend and were guided by some of our amazing staff and our DofE co-ordinator, Miss Pye. Our students were amazing at navigating through their routes and developing the skills they will need for their final expeditions. Lots of happy and tired faces by the end of each day, but a fire has been lit to get up to the Lakes in the Summer.



DEYES CAREERS BULLETIN

Enterprise club is back Year 7/8

This half term we have re-launch our Enterprise Club, this is open to Year 7 and 8 students during lunch time every Thursday in the Careers Area, Mrs Dainton King is excited to hear all the pitches for fundraising activities and is looking forward to share some of the activities with you all during the next newsletter.

Careers Business Networking Breakfast -

Mrs Dainton King was thrilled to be able to host our first Careers Business Networking Breakfast for students from Year 7-13. During the first half of the breakfast, our employer guest had the opportunity to network with a range of professionals. For the second half we invited our pupils to join us, students, and employers informally engage with each other. As the event was such a great success, we plan to host a careers Business Networking breakfast each half term. If you would like to attend to represent your business or organisation you work with, please get in touch with Mrs Dainton King our Careers and Employer Engagement manager l.king@deyeshigh.co.uk



YEAR 10 Career educational visit to JJ Smith & Co Woodworking Machinery.,

A group of our Year 10 engineering students had the pleasure of attending JJ Smith and Co industry day, during the day our students had the opportunity to gain an insight into the engineering industry, whilst also having the opportunity to have encounters with several engineering / robotics companies who was also present at JJ Smith on the day. During the afternoon students heard from a variety of professional about their apprenticeship and career journey in the engineering industry. What an inspiring day for our students, thank you to JJ SMITH & All about STEM for given our students such a fantastic insight to the engineering industry.



DEYES CAREERS BULLETIN

Our Year 11 students had the pleasure of hearing about a summer programme available to them. NCS is designed for 15–17-year-olds and is an inclusive summer programme that helps teens get the skills, experience, and self-belief they need to achieve their potential – and smash their future goals as well as meet new people and make friends for life from all different walks of life!

If your son/ daughter is still interested in taking part in the programme, they still have time to sign up be quick... places are limited. Please see Mrs Dainton-King in Careers for more information and to sign up.

NCS this year will be 2 weeks long consisting of 1 week residential in Wales, completing the first and second phase during this time. This is followed by phase 3 which is completed back home in the local community. Each phase has been carefully developed to build a wide variety of skills and experiences to help the growth of all it's participants. Check those phases out below.

Phase 1: Be Epic In their first week, students will live away from home and nurture their adventurous side. Stepping outside of their comfort zone, they might find themselves swinging from the high ropes, building winning rafts, or scaling a wall. But one thing we can guarantee is by Friday night they'll feel fearless (and pretty worn out)!

Phase 2: Live Life As part of the first weeks residential mixed with the outdoor activities, the young people will get a crash course in adulting and pick up skills they need to set them up for life. By the time they're done, they'll have the confidence to speak to a room full of people without freezing up and will know a whole lot more about what they want from life after school. Students will have the opportunity to use their voice in debate/politics sessions and come up with some amazing business ideas as part of our enterprise workshop.

Phase 3: Do Good This runs in the second week when young people are back in the local community and gives them the chance to deliver an impressive 'passion project' – something that's previously led to young people making a huge difference in their community, countrywide and even globally.

Phase 4: Go Party By this point, teens will have achieved A LOT – perhaps more than they ever thought possible. So, before we send them off into the world of adulthood, we recognise and celebrate just how

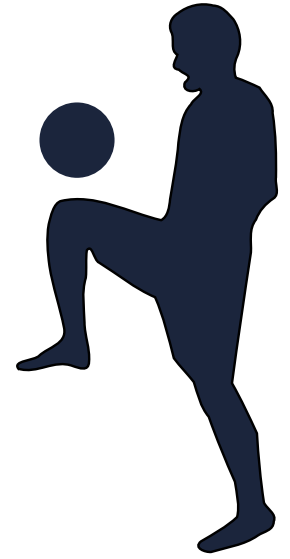


SPORTING SUCCESS

Our Year 7 footballers put on an amazing display in the Sefton Cup Semi Final. Playing against our local rivals Maghull High it was always going to be a tough challenge.

Our boys gave 100% from the first whistle pressuring the opponents into mistakes and then playing some delightful football when they had possession. Tom Aldridge our prolific centre forward almost scored three but had to settle for two. Cole Ademuyiwa showed outstanding skills again and Ronnie Worby our captain was a perfect partner for him as they dominated the game in the middle of the park. Our defence and goalkeeper were unbeatable and they built the play from the back delightfully. Our wide men Harry Booth and Evan Woolfall worked so hard on the flanks they were an inspiration to our team and an absolute nuisance for the opposition.

The final result was 5-0 with Jack Taylor and Cole scoring along with an OG from Maghull. Next game will be the Sefton Cup Final against Maricourt.



South Sefton Netball Tournament

The year 9s are a newly formed team this year and had some tough competition. Originally, they were competing in the plate competition but were moved to the cup competition last minute where the standard was a lot higher. We are so proud of their efforts as they tried really hard and came away with a draw against Merchant Taylors which they were pleased with.

The year 10s were entered into the cup competition and were playing teams that have come in the top 6 of the league, they knew competition would be tough but their grit and determination seen them through to achieve runners up position in the year 10 tournament.

South Sefton Netball League Champions

Our year 10 netballers have had an amazing 2021-22 netball season this year and we wanted to share the fantastic news of them becoming "South Sefton netball league champions 2022".

It was all down to their final fixture against Sacred Heart who beat them 9-3 in the South sefton tournament where they came runners up to Sacred Heart. They knew it would be tough but went into the match with grit and determination to clinch the title beating them 8-5.

Super proud of them is an under statement, they worked so hard for this and should all be commended for their performance throughout the season.

Well done ladies you fully deserve it!



Team

Milly Teague, Maddy Garrity, Sophie Blakemore, Rosie Tubb, Mia Ademoye, Chloe Evans, Jess Wilcox, Macy Cook

YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE

During National careers week, we launched our Year 12 work experience programme to our Year 12 students, during the launch all students heard from a local employer on the reasons why work experience is so important and what they type of skills and experience they are looking for in the next generation when they are recruiting.

The deadline for Self-placement forms and employer form to be submitted is Friday 8th April, if you are yet to secure a placement, please spend some time during the easter break to secure a placement. If you need any support with securing a placement, please email l.king@deyeshigh.co.uk



Year 12 World of Work Week

Monday 4 - Friday 8 July 2022



Scan here for student self-placement form



Scan here for the employer form



Find a placement
Complete the forms
Ask employer to register



Parent and Young People Drop Ins

Parent & Carer Drop In:

The Parent & Carer Drop In service offers support, advice and guidance for parents/carers who may be struggling or worried about their child's mental health. A qualified practitioner will provide a listening ear during these difficult times. These drop ins are face-to-face.

Mondays from 1-3pm
@ Thornton Children's Centre,
Stanny Field Drive, L23 1TY

and

Wednesdays from 1-3pm
@ Star Centre, 98B Linacre Lane,
Bootle, L20 6ES

Young Person's Drop In:

The Young Person's Drop In Service offers young people the chance to talk through any issues that they may have, with a qualified practitioner in a safe and non-judgemental space. These drop ins are face-to-face.

Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-6pm
@ Star Centre, 98B Linacre Lane,
Bootle, L20 6ES

and

Thursdays from 3-6pm
@ Thornton Children's Centre,
Stanny Field Drive, L23 1TY

What Parents and Carers Need to Know about ... SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

On any social media platform, you'll often come across links to genuine-looking websites. They might include an exclusive offer for one of your favourite shops or invite you to complete a quiz in return for a particular reward. In some cases, clicking on these links takes you to a fake website where you are asked to provide your personal details. The whole enterprise is a ploy to capture sensitive details, such as your email address and password, which the scammers then exploit at your expense.

Clickjacking for fake rewards

Here, the attacker tries to lure you into clicking a link by offering something in return, such as a free gift for completing a survey. However, when the link is clicked, it collects the details of whoever fills out the survey. This might include full names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Scammers could use these to hack into your other accounts or simply sell your data to other criminals.

Malicious app downloads

Some cybercriminals design software that appears genuine or helpful (and is normally free) but has been created to steal your personal information. There may be a pop-up ad encouraging you to download and install the app. Once the app is downloaded, the attacker can see any personal credentials you enter, and could then use this information for their own gain.

'Payment first' scams

Prevalent on sites such as Depop, these scams have spread to Facebook since it added the Marketplace feature. A user lists an item for sale and requests payment up front. Most online stores work this way, but the crucial difference is that scammers ask for payment via PayPal friends and family – not goods and services. This means you can't dispute the payment: the scammer keeps your money, and you never receive the item.

Threats disguised as quizzes

Most quizzes on social media seem harmless, but many come with hidden threats. When you submit your answers, you're also agreeing to terms and conditions which – in some cases – allow the quiz developer to sell your details to third parties. This puts you at greater risk of phishing attacks and spam advertising emails. It might also give the app permission to use information from your profile.

Untrustworthy URLs

It's common on social media for URLs in posts to be shortened (to meet Twitter's character count, for instance). This may seem harmless, but it opens an avenue of attack for scammers who may be disguising a malicious link as legitimate. These links can install malware on the victim's device, which could lead to passwords being stolen or even be the precursor to ransomware attacks.

Angler phishing scams

Using a fake corporate social media account, the scammer pretends to be from customer services. When someone complains about customer service on social media, the fake account messages them asking for their name, phone number and email. If the user provides this info, they are directed to a fake website where they enter their login details. The attacker can then steal their credentials or infect their device with malware.

Advice For Parents & Carers

Set strong passwords

Always ensure that your passwords are not easily guessable. Try to use a mix of letters, numbers and special characters so that criminals cannot forcefully get control. You should also change your passwords every so often to provide further protection against your accounts being taken over. If you have any concerns about your account's privacy, change the password.

Avoid opening suspicious emails

When you get an email, always check the sender's address before opening it. If it's an unexpected email and the sender is a stranger, mark it as junk (in case they try again in future) and simply delete it. They could be a scammer who's simply seen your email address on your social media profile. Being aware of phishing attacks is the primary method of defence against scam emails like this.

Review your privacy settings

Regularly review your privacy settings on social media. You can restrict which parts of your profile can be seen and by who. We recommended making your personal information only visible to friends, which will help to limit the information a scammer could find out about you from social media. It's also safest to only accept friend or follow requests from people that you actually know.

Choose trusted download sources

Don't download apps or files from unknown sites – instead, use verified and trustworthy sources (such as Google Play or the App Store for download to mobile devices). You can recognise safe sources by their trust seals. The browser address bar on a secure site starts 'https' instead of 'http'. A shield or lock symbol in the address bar also indicates that a site is secure.

Protect your personal information

Never enter personal information on unfamiliar websites. If you were redirected to a site from a social media post or an email link, putting in your personal details could give key information away to a scammer. Fraudsters may pose as someone you know to try and get your address or bank details (or your family's). If this happens, block the user and tell your family, so the scammer can't try to deceive anyone else.

Install anti-virus software

Another key tip is to ensure that you have robust and reliable virus protection installed on any of your devices that support it. Anti-virus programmes will help to insulate you against cyber-attacks by blocking any malicious downloads or detecting any recently downloaded malware and removing it. Update your virus protection software regularly and carry out frequent scans of your device.



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