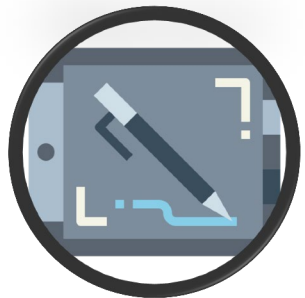
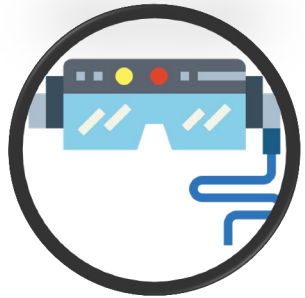


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Computers as a tool for learning

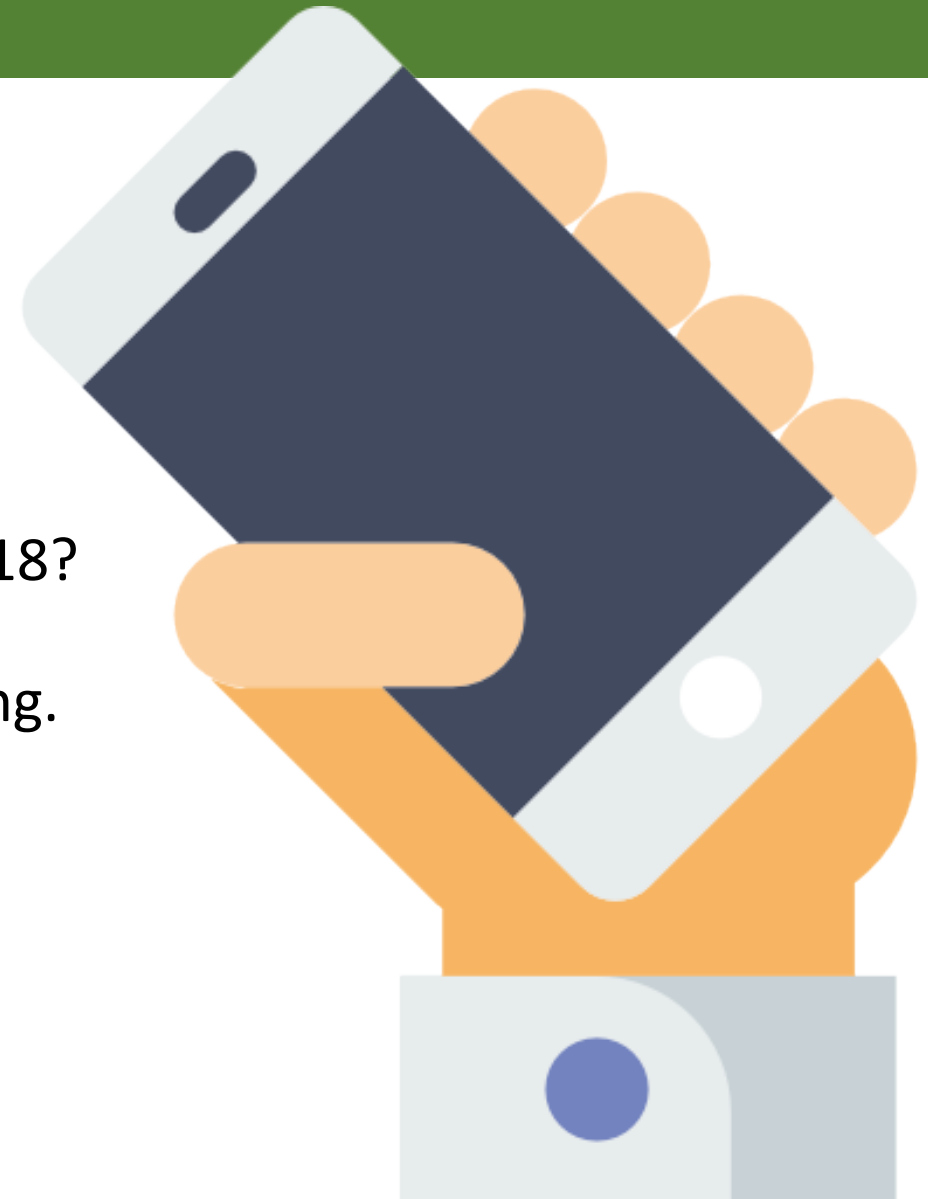
Healthy use of computers
and social media

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Technology is a wonderful thing!

- Our students now have access to an “unparalleled level of information.”
- Where will technology be when they are 18?
- Embrace this. It will enhance their learning.
- However a few words of caution...



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The diamond in the rough

- The Internet contains a LOT of junk!
- It can make for a very lazy “learner”:
 - Not everyone can publish to a library
 - Everyone can post to the Internet!
- I don’t know it sir!
 - “I’ll just Google it”
 - “Wikipedia will have the answer”

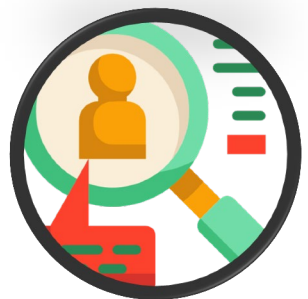


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Sensible research – top tips

- Don't just click the first link!
- Don't believe everything you read, ask:
 - Is this valid?
 - Is there bias?
 - Do other sources back this up?
- We will teach “good research” skills when using the Internet.



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Have a healthy balance

- Have a healthy balance of social time:
 - Using computers
 - Going out
 - Doing exercise
 - Doing homework!
- It is important to spend time away from technology.

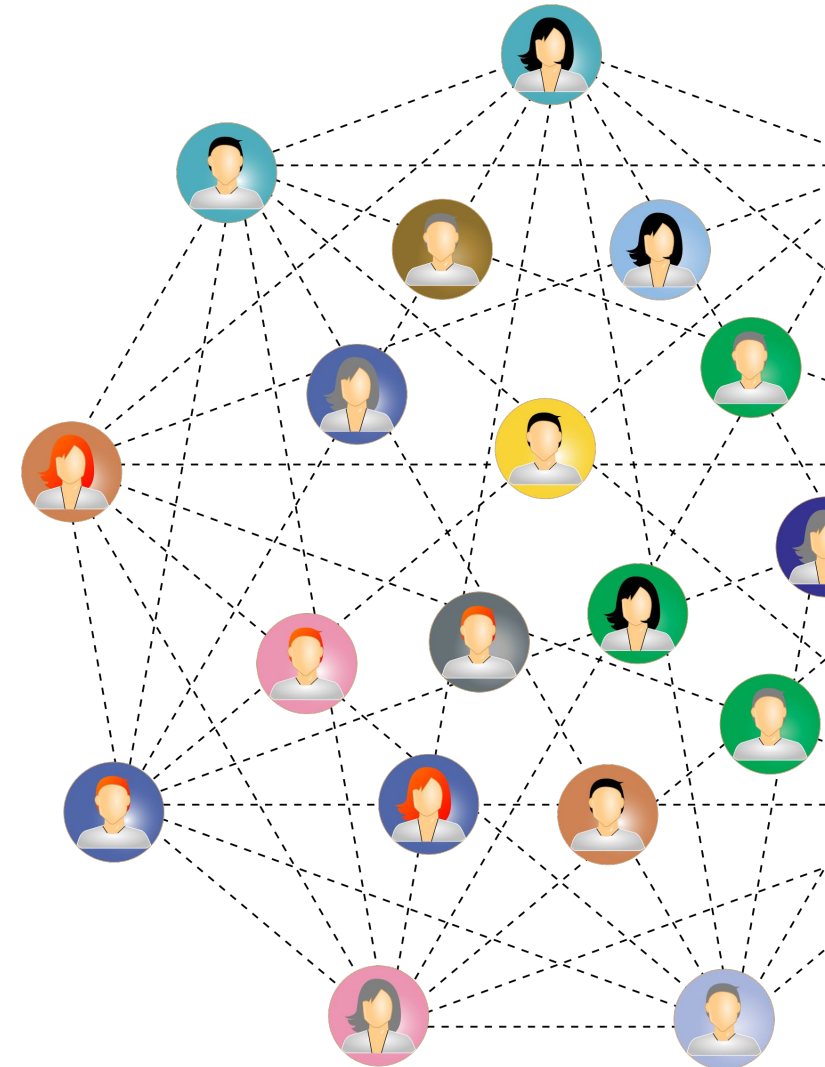


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Social networking

- You should be 13 to have a Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat account.
- We would not expect year 7s to have accounts...
- ...but they probably will.
- They need to be taught online etiquette.



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Before sending messages

- THINK...
- T = Is it True? How do you know?
- H = Is it Helpful? Will it resolve a situation?
- I = Is it inspiring? Will it make someone feel better or worse?
- N = Is it necessary? Or is it better said face to face?
- K = Is it kind?

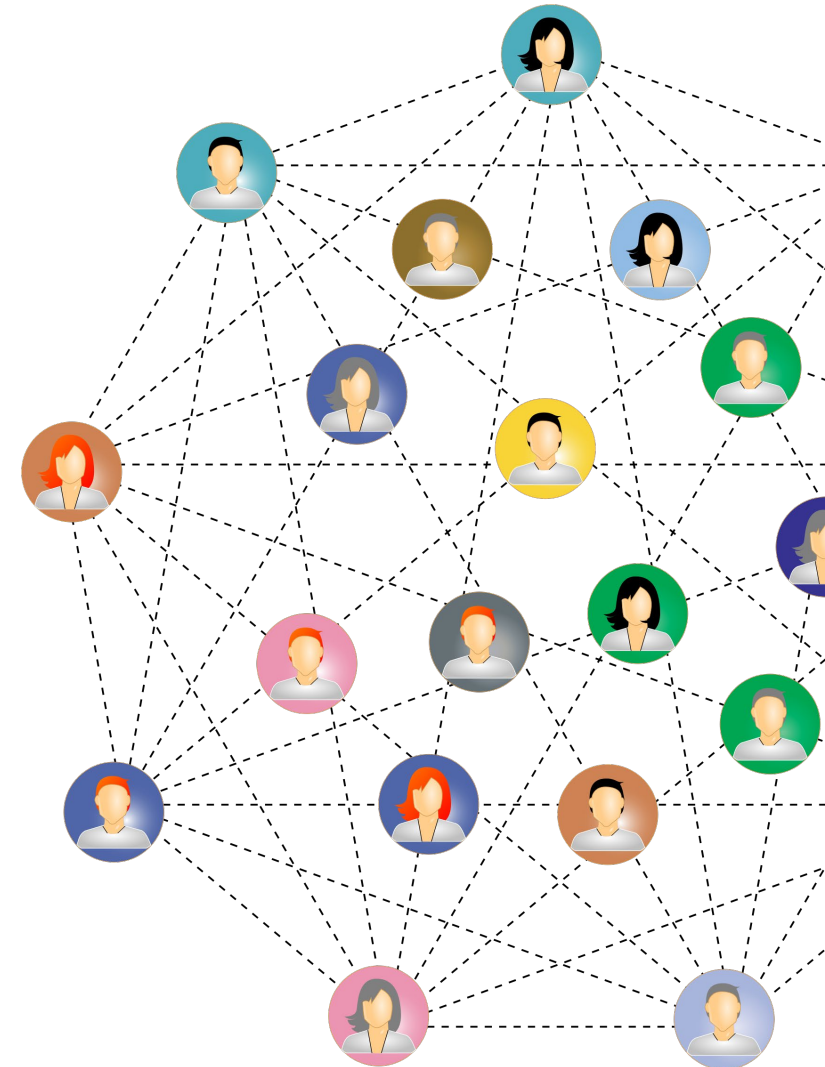


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Social networking

- Social networking is the biggest source of bullying amongst young people.
- Don't befriend other students that are not really your friends. "6 true friends" "100's of FB friends".
- Don't be afraid to block, unfriend people who are unkind.
- Friend your child! Report issues.

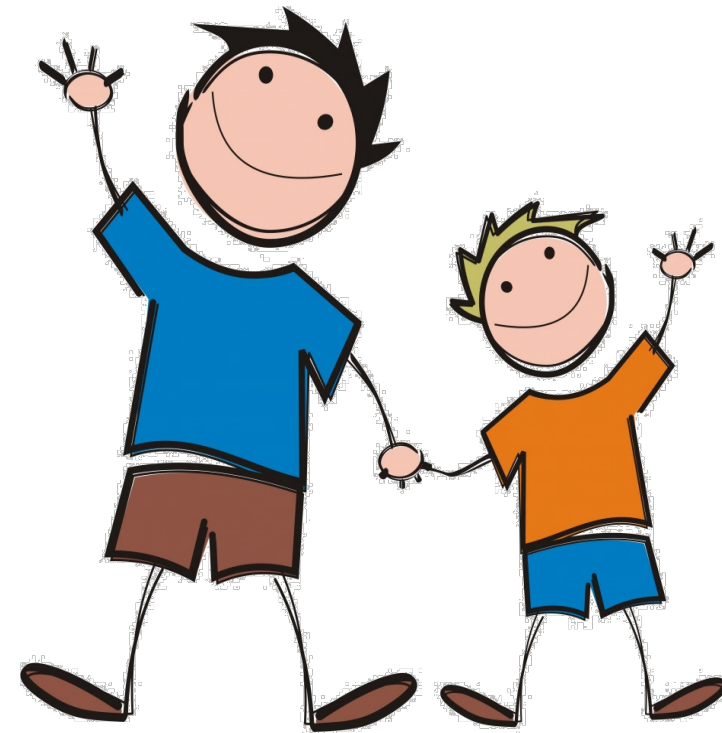


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Parental monitoring

- As a parent you should:
- Be aware of who they are talking to online.
- Make computer use an open family experience.
- Do check their Twitter/Instagram/Facebook profiles.
- Dangers go beyond computers to Xbox live, PlayStation network etc.



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Parental monitoring

- As a parent you should:
- Monitor their Facebook & Twitter.
- Befriend them so you can see their posts.
- Keep computers in family spaces so you know what's going on.
- Be wary of computers in bedrooms.



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But remember...

- Computers, tablets and phones are really useful “tools for learning”.
- We will encourage and support their use for schoolwork.
- As with everything in life the golden rule is: “Sensible use, and in moderation”.



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And of course...

- We are here to support and help you as well as your child.
- Just ask!
- <Insert an appropriate contact email /phone number>

