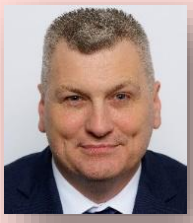
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Term 1
Friday 16th October 2026



Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

As we approach the final week of this half term, it has been another busy and productive week at KGGS, with plenty happening both in and out of the classroom. From exciting educational visits and mathematical challenges to significant improvements to our school building, there is certainly lots to share!

School Roof Replacement – Work Underway
On Monday, work officially began to replace the roof across one of the oldest parts of our school building, with extensive scaffolding being erected in preparation for the project.
This significant improvement has been made possible following our successful bid to the **Condition Improvement Fund (CIF)**, securing essential funding to help maintain and improve our school facilities for current and future generations of students.

The project is expected to take approximately **four months** to complete. We will, of course, do everything we can to minimise disruption to the school day. However, some noise will be unavoidable, particularly as certain elements of the work must take place during daylight hours.
We appreciate your patience and understanding whilst these important improvements are carried out. Please bear with us – the long-term benefits will certainly be worth it!

Mobile Phones – The Countdown Is On!
The countdown is well and truly underway for our new approach to smartphones in school, initially affecting students in **Years 7, 8 and 9** who wish to bring a smartphone onto the school site.

All students in these year groups have now been sent an email to their school email address containing a link to the required app, along with their individual identification code, which is needed to complete the process.

We would be grateful if parents/guardians could support us by ensuring their child has accessed this email and downloaded the app in preparation for the new arrangements.

Students in **Years 10 and 11** will receive their invitations following the October half-term break.

Following valuable feedback from students and parents in **Years 12 and 13**, we will be introducing a slightly different approach for our Sixth Form students, recognising their greater maturity and allowing an appropriate level of privilege and responsibility to reflect their age.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to establish a consistent and positive approach to mobile phone use at KGGS.

Sponsored Walk – Nearly £12,000 Raised!
I am delighted to share that the total raised through our recent sponsored walk is now approaching an incredible **£12,000!**

This is a fantastic achievement and a real testament to the generosity of our families, friends and wider school community. Every penny raised will go towards installing additional air conditioning in classrooms, helping to make our learning environments more comfortable for students and staff.

To build on this success, we will be holding a **non-uniform day on Friday 23rd October**, with a suggested donation of **£2 per student**.

Donations can be made through **WisePay** or in cash when students arrive at school on the day. All money raised will be added to our sponsored walk total as we make one final push towards funding further air conditioning across the school.

Thank you once again for your tremendous generosity. It really does make a difference, and I know the improvements will be appreciated by everyone, particularly when the warmer weather returns!

Another Busy Week of Learning Beyond the Classroom
There has been no shortage of enrichment opportunities this week, with students across several year groups enjoying a wide range of activities.

Our **Year 10 Design & Technology and Business students** had the opportunity to visit Cadbury World, exploring the fascinating world of chocolate alongside the business and manufacturing processes behind one of the country's best-known brands. I suspect there may also have been the opportunity to sample a little chocolate along the way!

Meanwhile, our **Year 12 Geography students** have been busy completing an important element of their A-level fieldwork, putting their geographical knowledge and practical skills into action beyond the classroom.

The Mathematics Department also celebrated **Ada Lovelace Day** with a mathematical quiz that challenged students to solve a series of problems and match their numerical answers to different members of staff. It was wonderful to see mathematics being celebrated in such an engaging and creative way. Prizes will be winging their way to the winning entries over the next couple of days – well done to everyone who took part!

On Wednesday, **Year 7 students** enjoyed a virtual talk exploring the famous **Bayeux Tapestry**, bringing an important part of medieval history to life and providing an excellent opportunity to develop their understanding of the events surrounding the Norman Conquest.

Our **Year 10 Drama students** also had the opportunity to visit the Theatre Royal to watch *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. Experiencing live theatre is such a valuable part of studying drama, and I hope the students found the performance both enjoyable and inspiring.

A huge thank you to all the staff who continue to organise these experiences, giving our students opportunities to broaden their horizons and bring their learning to life.

Japan Exchange – Safe Travels!
Finally, we wish our Japanese exchange students, along with **Ms Pourchet, Mr Henshaw and Mrs Bayman**, a wonderful and safe journey as they depart for Japan on Saturday. The group will be visiting **Tokyo** and our partner school, **Minami High School in Fukushima**, as part of what promises to be a fantastic cultural and educational experience.

International exchanges provide such special opportunities to experience different cultures, build friendships and create memories that will last a lifetime.

We wish everyone involved a fantastic trip and look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return.

気をつけて (Ki o tsukete) – Safe travels!

News from the Head – A Weekend on the Fairways!
Last weekend, I didn't quite manage to make it to the driving range as planned. However, this weekend I have gone one step further and booked a full round of 18 holes!

Whether that proves to be a wise decision remains to be seen. I'm just hoping that at least a few of my drives manage to find the fairway rather than the trees, rough or somewhere completely unexpected! I suspect there may be a few lost balls along the way.

Whatever your plans, I hope you all have a lovely, relaxing weekend and manage to enjoy some well-earned time with family and friends.

Have a great weekend, everyone!

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Calendar of Events for w/c 19th October 2026 (Week B)

Weekend 17th/18th – Japan Exchange leave (returns 26.10.26)

Mon 19th - Year 7 Assembly
Year 12 Cambridge open day

Tue 20th - Year 10 Assembly
Year 7 & 8 TIE (Alcohol)

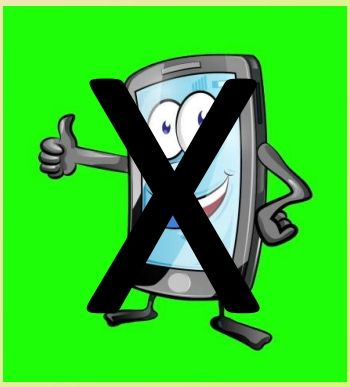
Wed 21st - Year 8 Assembly
Year 11 Assembly
Sports Tour Launch – Parent meeting 5pm

Thu 22nd - Key Stage 5 Assembly
Year 11 Art Study Tour to Italy departs (returns 26.10.26)

Fri 23rd - Non-Uniform Day – make sure you pay!
Year 9 Assembly
BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

Important:

Blackout App – Students have been sent an invitation to activate the app to their school email account.



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Important Messages!

Parking at Kesteven & Grantham Girls' School

Visitor Parking – Important Notice



Building work has commenced with the installation of scaffolding and a much-reduced car park.

We kindly ask all visitors to **please park elsewhere and avoid using the school car park**, wherever possible. If you are collecting your child due to illness or medical appointments, you will be asked to stay in your vehicle and your child will be sent out to you.



One-hour free parking is available at Welham Street car park which is only a short walk from school. Please remember to obtain a ticket from one of the parking machines.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your cooperation while the building work is underway.

Traffic Safety Reminder

Dear Students,



Please be extra vigilant and aware of the traffic around you when arriving at and leaving school. Always use designated crossings, look carefully before crossing the road, and avoid distractions such as mobile phones.

Your safety is important. Please take care, stay alert, and help keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your cooperation.

KGGS Core Values

Our ethos is described through the vision of **"Inspire, Challenge, Achieve.",** and our core values are:

- **Compassion** — caring about and supporting others.
- **Teamwork** — cooperating with others and contributing positively to a team.
- **Respect** — treating other people, their views and differences with consideration.
- **Integrity** — being honest, responsible and doing the right thing.
- **Resilience** — persevering through difficulties, learning from challenges and continuing to develop.

These values are intended to help students become **happy, healthy, confident and well-rounded young adults**, alongside being appropriately challenged academically.

Inspire, Challenge, Achieve

Careers

Could You Help Our Students Understand More About The World Of Work?



To enhance our careers programme, we are always seeking employers to expand our network of companies and individuals who collaborate with us in school, can facilitate on-site visits, and could also offer work placements for students. This could involve speaking in an assembly for 10 minutes, speaking to small groups of students, running workshops or giving a virtual tour of your workplace.

We are interested in all careers, from engineering to the arts!

If you would like to support our careers programme and are prepared to donate your time and expertise or offer a work experience placement for a KGGS student, it would be great to hear from you.

Please complete this form to volunteer your expertise as part of the KGGS Careers Hub



The Sixth Formers' Guide to Degree Apprenticeships is the essential online resource providing the latest information on how degree apprenticeships offer an 'earn as you learn' way to gain valuable work experience and achieve a degree-level qualification, but without the tuition fees associated with a traditional university route.

https://www.sixthformersguide.co.uk/

The Essential Guide to Degree Apprenticeships

Degree Apprenticeships:
What They Are & How to Apply
Free Webinar for Parents, Students & Teachers

You asked, we listened!

By popular demand, we're excited to launch our first free webinar of the year discussing everything you need to know about degree apprenticeships.

Join our professionals on **Thursday 22nd October** for a deep-dive into how degree apprenticeships work, how to apply and what students can do now to put themselves in the best position for when the time comes to apply.

https://investin.org/

Notice from the Catering Team

We would like to make students and families aware that the following chicken products served in school are **Halal-certified**:

- Chicken sandwiches available in the school shop
- Chicken burgers and all breaded chicken items
- Chicken served in the salad bar

We are pleased to offer Halal options as part of our catering provision. However, we recognise that dietary requirements and personal beliefs vary.

Students who are prohibited from Kutha meat or have other dietary preferences should be aware that these items may not be suitable for them and may wish to choose one of the many alternative options available.



Netball Update

It has been another busy and successful week for our Netball teams.

On Monday, the U16 and U18 teams travelled to Nottingham High School for training fixtures. The U16 team narrowly missed out on victory, losing 24–25 in a closely contested match, while the U18 team put in a strong performance to secure an impressive 28–14 win.

On Tuesday, the U14 and U16 teams travelled to Branston. The U14 team produced an excellent performance, securing a convincing 39–4 victory. The U16 team were involved in another closely fought contest, narrowly losing 22–25.

National Schools Tournament – Round One

The first round of the National Schools Tournament took place last night at St George's, with both our U16 and U14 teams enjoying successful performances.

The U16 team progressed in **first place**, while the U14 team secured **second place** to progress to the next round. Congratulations to both teams on an excellent start to the tournament!

Well done to all of our players for their commitment, teamwork and competitive spirit throughout the week!

Mrs McCabe





Swimming

The U15 medley relay swim team have qualified for the National Final, taking place on 21st November at Sandwell Aquatic Centre. They swam the 5th fastest time over all heats.



Cricket Tops Sponsor Needed!

We are looking to get another set of cricket tops for our teams to use this season and going forwards.

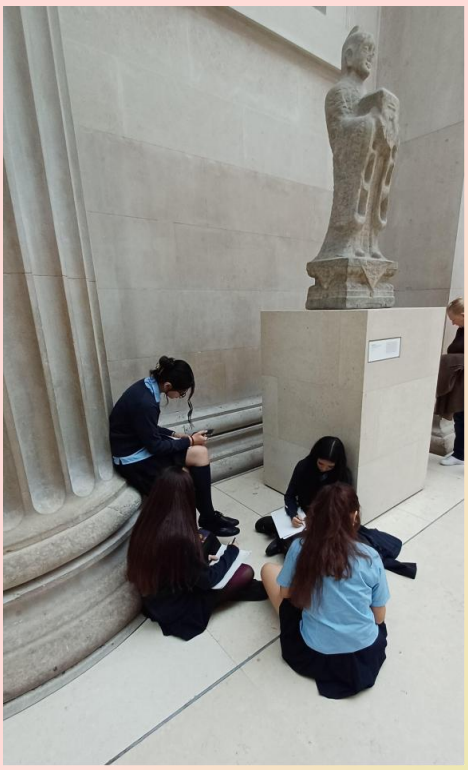
We have been quoted £500 for 20 shirts.

If you could possibly help us, please get in touch, so we can get the ball rolling!



Many thanks,
PE Department

Year 10 Art British Museum Study Day



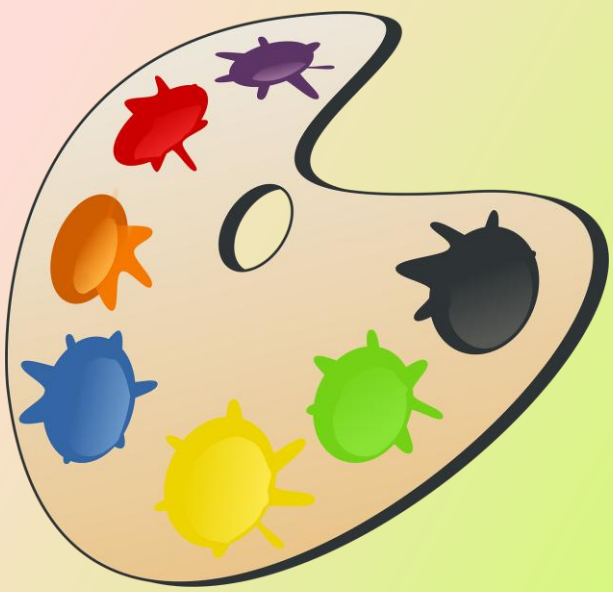
Despite the wet weather, on Wednesday our GCSE Art students embraced an atmospheric walk through London to visit to the British Museum.

The day provided a fantastic opportunity for students to explore the museum's wealth of artefacts first hand, undertaking valuable visual research and producing observational sketches from the exhibits.

The experience has provided a rich source of ideas and inspiration that will greatly support their ongoing NEA work. We would like to thank all students for representing the school positively with their conduct and engagement throughout the visit.

Art Team





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Wellbeing Quote



Wellbeing Activity

Take some time to rest and recharge. Make the most of your half term break.



Debating

What's happening in debate club this week?

Motion debated: *This House Believes that it is the responsibility of the younger generation to care for their elder relatives instead of relying on state-funded care*

Speakers – debate 1
Cracic S
Lydia S
Madeleine M
Saachi J
Vaani J
Flora T
Lucy T
Shreyasvi A

Speakers – debate 2
Freya C
Mair M
Lexi M
Eva F
Darcey K
Grace T
Grace M
Zoe C

TEAM ENGLAND DEBATING DEVELOPMENT SQUAD – APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW

This is a **free** development programme for state school students in years 9 – 12.
You apply via an online form that is available on the **Debate club Teams page.**
See Miss Duggan for more info or visit the Debate England website.

Debate England
https://debateengland.com › programmes › developmen...

England Development Squad

Since 2021, Debate England has run a free Development Squad programme. The programme is exclusively for state educated pupils who have not yet started year 10; Read more

The debate club meet at 12:50 on Monday lunchtimes in EN6.

Year 9 and above unless you have spoken to Miss Duggan before attending!

Sorry – no KS3 only debate club on a Friday this year.



Library Competition

To celebrate spooky season 2026, the library is running a ghost story writing competition for students in all years who wish to take part.

Can you strike fear into the heart of your reader in 500 words?

Stories can be set wherever you please: in a haunted house, a graveyard, a sunken ship, or even on the moon, but they must be a chilling ghost story!

All entries must be 500 words or less.

Please include your name and form at the top.

All stories should be handed in at the library desk or emailed to Mrs Lester (staffclester@kggs.org) before **Wednesday 21st October.**

The prize winner will be announced in November.

Good luck!

Mrs Lester

Please note: All entries must be your own work. Any entries that have been written using A.I. will be automatically disqualified.



Taekwondo

Year 8 student, *Shri Agarwal,* has successfully achieved 1st Degree Black Belt Grading in TAGB taekwondo on 11th October.

Congratulations, Shri!





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Theme of the Week



KGGS SUSTAINABILITY WEEK
Transport

Sustainable transport matters because it cuts pollution, reduces carbon emissions, improves health, and makes communities safer — and these benefits are especially important for how children travel to school. Sustainable travel options like walking, cycling, scooting, or using public transport directly reduce the traffic, air pollution, and safety risks that children face every day.

TRY:	https://www.theconqueror.events/main-lotr-cdco-v1/ https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/secondary-schools/
READ:	https://brightwayz.co.uk/why-does-active-sustainable-travel-to-school-matter/
WATCH/ LISTEN:	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qESdXAz-QeY

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Theme of the Week



Think about how you travel to school and the various forms of transport you use daily/weekly/monthly/yearly
Can you come up with 3 ways to be more sustainable this academic year?

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Theme of the Week

Green Transportation Worksheet Series

Name: _____

Date: _____

A Green Word Search!

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Biofuel
Carbon Footprint
Electric Vehicle
Fossil Fuel
Green
High-Speed Rail
Hybrid Vehicle
Solar-Powered Vehicle
Sustainable
Transportation
Vehicle






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Future Residential Trips Abroad

We have a number of trips abroad for students in various year groups.

Please see the table below for more information:-

Trip	When	Where to	Who can go	Cost (Approx)	Additional information
Ski trip	February half-term 2028	Italy	Y10 – 13 (40 students)	£2200	Behaviour and attendance taken into consideration
Sports Tour	July 2029	Sri Lanka	Current Y7-11	£3500	Play football/netball in school team/club
Japanese Exchange	October 2028	Fukushima and Tokyo	Y10 - 12	£3500	Japanese students visit us in July 2028
Art tour	October 2028	Venice	Y11	£860	Offered to students who study Art GCSE
Volleyball tour	Easter 2028	Milan	Y7-12	£1500	Students have to attend school volleyball club/play in school team
World Challenge	July 2028	Vietnam	Current Y10&11	£4095	Sign up and pay deposit by 16.10.26

Ski Trip – February 2028

This week the KGGS staff ski team launched the February 2028 ski trip to current Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students and parents.

If you would like further information about the trip please email Mrs Nicklin – staffcnicklin@kggs.org

If you would like to show an expression of your childs interest in the trip please use this QR code to register.

Mrs Nicklin



School Trips

Sri Lanka Netball and Football Trip 2029

This trip is open to students currently in Year 7-11 who play Football or Netball for a club outside of school or the school team.

There will be a parent information evening on **21st October from 5-6pm** for parents and their daughters to find out more about the next Netball and Football overseas trip planned for 2029.

Please complete the Microsoft Form if you wish to attend so we can plan seating.

Kind regards
Mrs McCabe/Miss Bird
(Trip Leaders)

Sri Lanka Netball and Football Sports Tour 2029 – Fill in form

Calling all Year 10 and 11 students!

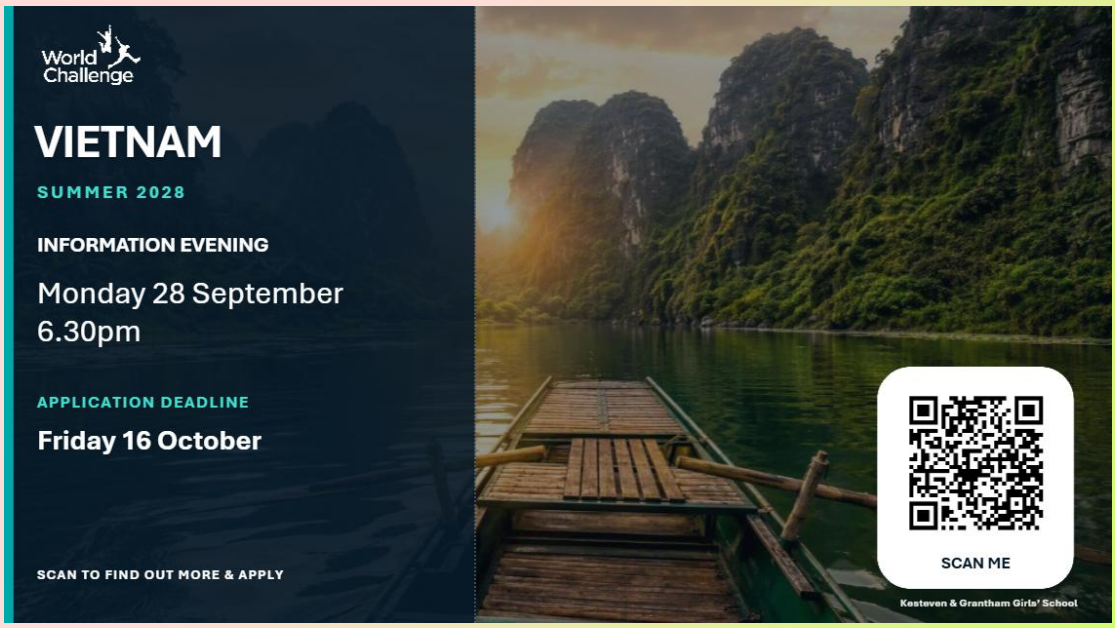
Vietnam World Challenge 2028

We're launching an exciting World Challenge expedition to Vietnam in Summer 2028, available to Year 10 and 11 students.

This is an incredible opportunity to experience a new culture, take on a real challenge, and develop confidence, independence and teamwork skills along the way.

If you are interested, use the links from your email or the QR code below. This initial meeting is for anyone interested who would like more information - no commitment at this point!

Miss Garner



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Week 2

Our Bronze assessed 'week 2' expedition was certainly a bit wetter than forecast, colder and at times surprisingly warm and sunny. The joys of the British weather!

All 11 teams certainly improved in their navigation skills over the 2 days. They pulled together to walk the routes they had planned, set up camp, and cooked a warm dinner and breakfast together over a trangia.

Many thanks again to Mrs Watson (pastoral) and our team of 12 parents and ex parents who give up their time and a warm beds to support the expedition. Their knowledge, patience and company is invaluable to us.

Check out our Instagram account to see more photos. Kggs_dofe







History

British Museum Live Lesson Brings the Bayeux Tapestry to Life

As part of their study of the Norman Conquest, Year 7 students recently took part in an engaging live lesson delivered by the **British Museum**, exploring the story of the **Bayeux Tapestry** and the events that changed England forever.

The lesson was particularly special as the live broadcast took place on **14th October**, the **960th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings**. Students learnt about the struggle between King Harold II and William, Duke of Normandy, and investigated how the Bayeux Tapestry helps historians understand the events of 1066.

Through interactive activities and discussions, students considered the strengths and limitations of the tapestry as a historical source and explored how different interpretations of the past can be formed.

Adding to the significance of the lesson, the Bayeux Tapestry is currently on display at the **British Museum**, marking the first time it has been exhibited in England for more than 900 years. Its temporary return provides a unique opportunity for people across the country to see one of the world's most important historical artefacts.

Year 7 students represented the school brilliantly throughout the session, contributing thoughtful answers and engaging enthusiastically with the activities. Taking part in the lesson on the anniversary of the battle itself helped bring history to life, allowing students to connect their classroom learning with both a nationally significant anniversary and the historic return of the Bayeux Tapestry to England.





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We combine a strong academic heritage with a forward-looking approach that equips students with the required knowledge, skills, and confidence to succeed.

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THE KGGS ADVANTAGE

01 ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



02 INDEPENDENT LEARNING



03 ENRICHMENT



04 LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE



05 POST 18 SUCCESS



SIXTH FORM INFORMATION EVENING: 12TH NOVEMBER 2026 5.30-7.30PM

www.kestevengrantham.lincs.sch.uk | email: sixthform@kggs.org

Online safety Q+A for secondary parents



Lincolnshire COUNTY COUNCIL

📅 Wednesday 9th December
🕕 6:00pm - 7:30pm
💻 Microsoft Teams
🎟️ Sign-up required

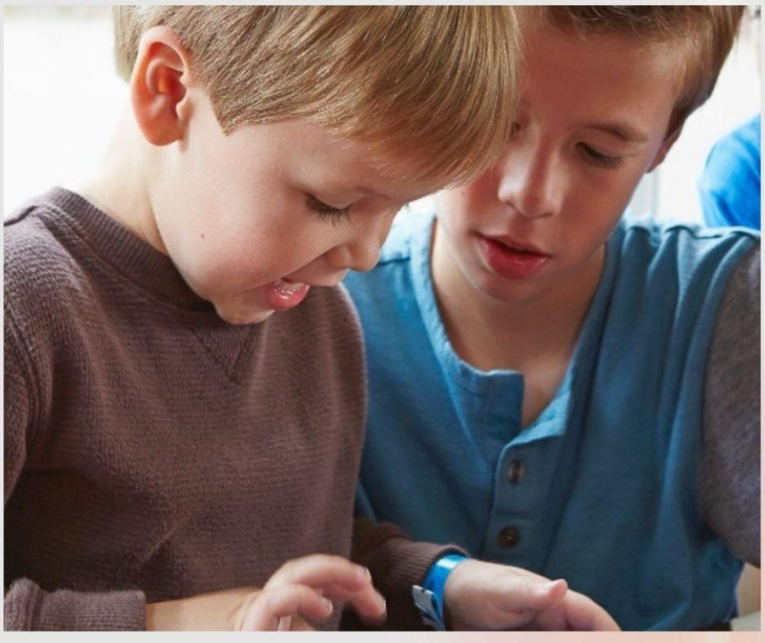
🤝 **Supporting Safer Online Experiences for Teens**

Topics include:
✅ Online harms and emerging risks
✅ Contact from strangers online
✅ Malicious and harmful communications
✅ Parental controls and privacy settings
✅ Your online safety questions and concerns

No question is too small. Join us for practical advice, guidance and support to help your teenager navigate the online world safely and confidently.

https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2476657

Online safety Q+A
for Early Year and primary parents



Lincolnshire COUNTY COUNCIL

📅 Tuesday 1st December
🕕 6:00pm - 7:30pm
💻 Microsoft Teams
🎟️ Sign-up required

Whether your child is using tablets, gaming online, watching videos, or starting to explore apps, this session is an opportunity to get advice and answers to your questions.

Topics include:
✅ Screen time and healthy online habits
✅ Parental controls and privacy settings
✅ Age-appropriate apps and games
✅ Popular online trends, risks and safety tips
✅ Any online safety questions you'd like support with

Suitable for parents and carers of primary-aged children. Parents of nursery and early years children are also encouraged to attend.

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