

12th October 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

## Re: Online Safety and Social Media Workshop - 7th November 5:00 - 6:15pm at Rosedale College

Rosedale College is excited to host a workshop on online safety and social media use, for parents, guardians carers and students of both Rosedale College and Parkside Studio College. The workshop will explore practical strategies to help your keep child safe online and raise your awareness about the pressures and difficulties young people face in the social media world. The recent death of teenager Molly Russell, which you may have seen in the news, highlights the importance of talking about social media and the affect social media content can have on young people.

Young people spend a significant amount of time online and they are at higher risk from unsuitable content, accidentally disclosing their personal data, illegal downloads, inappropriate advances and cyber bullying. They are learning to navigate this virtual world, a world we heavily relied on during the pandemic. Young people tend to be inquisitive and trusting, meaning they can lack caution and the ability to discern when they might be at risk. Therefore it is vital that parents, guardians and carers come together with the College to ensure we can support students in safe online use.

This workshop, taking place in the main hall at Rosedale College on 7<sup>th</sup> November, at 5:00pm, will focus on what the challenges 21<sup>st</sup> Century students face and will offer an evening of reflection and discussion on empowering our young people to make the best use of the virtual world.

Please do join us at Rosedale College on 7<sup>th</sup> November at 5.00 pm until 6.15pm. If you are interested please book your place by contacting Rosedale College on 0208 5732097 or by emailing granger@trhat.org

I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

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