



Which Week?

This Week: **Mon 13th Nov Oct (Week 1)**

Next Week: *Monday 20th Nov (Week 2)*



Inside Kingshurst

SEND Careers Event Success



Last Tuesday evening, the SEN team and careers teamed-up to provide an opportunity for our students to learn more about their options for Sixth Form.

We were joined by a representative from Solihull College who provided valuable information to parents and students about the courses and support available for students across both of their campuses.

Both the Careers Lead, Mrs Robinson and SENCO, Mrs Wheeldon were available to support our parents and carers in their queries about courses and support at TGAK for students after their GCSEs.

This is the second consecutive year that this important event has taken place and was incredibly successful with both parents and students leaving feeling well-informed and with plans to visit open days and the upcoming **Careers Fair event in TGAK on Thursday 30th November** where over 50 different exhibitors from Universities, Employment and Training providers will be on-site—[look out for more details in a forthcoming issue!](#)

Remembrance

At 11am on Saturday 11th November 2023, the nation once again paused for Remembrance.

This year pays tribute to National Servicemen and marking 70 years since the end of the Korean War and the unique contribution of the Windrush Generation, 75 years after their arrival in the UK, and honours those who served in the Battle of the Atlantic 80 years ago.

Remembrance Day also salutes the courage and resilience of those recovering from injuries and emphasises the unity of people from diverse backgrounds who defended our freedom and way of life.

Within the Academy, our memorial was in pride of place in the foyer area to demonstrate the importance of this to our Academy community also.

**T G A K
SPORT**

Chance to Shine for Our Leading Girls



CHANCE TO SHINE
Spreading the power of cricket



“Chance to Shine” is a new girls leadership programme with the aim of developing leadership skills through Cricket, and last week, 10 of our girls had the opportunity to do just that, with the support of Mr Shaylor in taking a group of our students to Edgbaston Cricket Club for an incredible experience in the heart of Warwickshire Country Cricket!

We are pleased to report that rain did NOT (!) stop play and that the girls well and truly knocked this opportunity for ‘six’ and were a credit to the Academy in their proactivity, and participation as they continue to transition into leaders of the future. Many thanks also go to our minibus drivers, Mrs Ridley and Mr Tindall for facilitating this trip.

Congratulations to the following students:

Tianna Moyens, Ellouise Henn, Peyton Braddish, Maisie Collins, Caitlyn Hyde, Alyssa Williams, Maisie Cottier, Miley-Mae Parker, Isla Tranter, Keira Noakes



Diwali comes from the word *Deepvali*, that stands for “rows of lighted lamps” and is a major festival celebrating light’s triumph over darkness and the start of new beginnings.

Despite Diwali running for five days, the main date of celebration is Sunday 12th November.

To all of our Hindu and Sikh families, we wish you all a ‘Happy Diwali’!

National Online Safety: Data Backups and Storage



Most of us have experienced it at some point: the distressing discovery that we can’t open one of our most important or treasured files – usually because of corrupted data, infection by malware or accidental deletion. A useful solution for keeping valued content safe is backing up files to another location, such as an external hard drive or a cloud-based account.

Keeping ‘spare’ copies of our essential information or precious pictures and videos is good digital practice, but it’s not totally without risk. From inadvertently copying sensitive or infected files to cloud accounts being targeted by cyber-criminals, there are plenty of considerations to bear in mind. Please refer to the guide on page 2 of this issue for a one-page guide to managing data backups and storage.

Applications for Sixth Form are now open and can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk/sixth-form/apply-online/>

To provide feedback on the newsletter, please [click here](#).

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

DATA BACKUPS AND STORAGE

Making backup copies of files and other content is very useful for avoiding issues (such as hardware failure, software problems or accidental deletion) that could cause the loss of important information or treasured images and videos. While backing up files is considered good practice, it's also essential for adults and children alike to stay aware of the risks which can potentially result from saving these extra copies of your info – particularly if your additional backup versions use cloud storage services.

BACKUP BASICS

Consider how valuable different types of files are – and what the impact would be if they were lost. Family photos and videos might be irreplaceable, for example, whereas emails to friends tend to be less important. This thought process can help you decide what to back up.

For your most indispensable files, follow 'the 3-2-1 rule': keep 3 backups of your data (your original plus two copies) using 2 different media (such as a USB flash, cloud storage or a hard disk drive) with 1 copy held in a physically separate location. This reduces the chance of a single event meaning that your files aren't recoverable from any of these backups.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

DISAGREEABLE DUPLICATES

Because we tend to back files up in groups rather than individually, it's very easy for some content to get inadvertently swept up in the saving process – creating a duplicate that we aren't aware exists. If this were to include the unintentional backup of malware files, it would mean when we recover our data from the backup, we're also restoring the harmful malware to our computer, phone or tablet.

HIDDEN IN THE CLOUD

It's not unknown for children and young people to make use of cloud backup services to effectively 'hide' content that they know their parents and carers wouldn't approve of (such as something age inappropriate, for example). They can then delete the content from their device, safe in the knowledge that they can easily retrieve it from the cloud at a more convenient moment.

THE WEAKEST LINK

If any of our backups are insecure, then – in the event of a breach – the entirety of our data might become accessible to cyber criminals or other malicious individuals. Cyber criminals are aware that, by default, backups tend to contain important or valuable files that people want to keep safe – which makes them a popular (and potentially lucrative) target for cyber-attacks.

RANDOM RECOVERIES

When restoring data from one of our backups, we may find that some data is recovered which we hadn't even realised had been backed up. This doesn't necessarily sound like a huge drawback – but it could potentially cause a problem if the files were sensitive or personal in nature and then (without us realising) suddenly become available on our devices, where others might see them.

Advice for Parents & Carers

BE ORGANISED

Try to keep on top of what backups you and your children have in place – including where your files are saved (to the cloud or an external storage device, for instance) and how they can be accessed. It can also be helpful to stay aware of what data *isn't* being backed up, which could save you the time and the stress of looking for something in your backup that was never actually there.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Find out how to recover files and information from backups until you're fully confident with the process. You could help your child practice with their own (or less essential) files, so they're able to restore items to their device if they need to. It's intensely frustrating knowing that your (or your child's) important files or cherished photo albums are there somewhere, but you can't get to them.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.



KEEP THINGS TIDY

Where possible, curate your backups by learning how to add or remove content selectively. The former will save you from having to carry out a complete backup on every occasion (which can be time consuming), while being able to prune individual files can be extremely useful if a small number of unwanted – or possibly sensitive – items have been copied over and saved accidentally.

SCRUTINISE YOUR SECURITY

It sounds like obvious advice, but it's absolutely vital: ensure that your backups are secure. This includes appropriate technical measures – like encryption, strong passwords and multifactor authentication – and, where possible, physical security to prevent the media being stolen. If you're backing up to a hard drive or an external storage device, you should ideally use password protection.

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