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SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

THE PREVENT INITIATIVE: UPDATES

The Government issued an update in October 2022 relating to safeguarding learners vulnerable to radicalisation. To access this update, please click on the gov.uk icon on the right if reading a digital copy of our newsletter, or scan the QR code to access the update.



PREVENT YOUNG LEADERS DAY 2023

Our annual Prevent Young Leaders event this year took place on Tuesday 7th February, and we were incredibly fortunate to be able to host three fantastic speakers - Nadia Benyahia, Travis Frain and Ray Douglas. All three speakers delivered talks that provided unique insight and personal perspectives into lives that have been irrevocably changed by acts of terrorism and extremism; from losing a loved one, to being a direct victim of an act of terrorism and how the UK's youth are responding to today's societal pressures. An invaluable experience for all staff and students involved.





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DISLIKE OF, CONTEMPT FOR, OR INGRAINED PREJUDICE AGAINST WOMEN.

Following discussions with our team of Prevent Young Leaders, WQE has developed the **We Question Everything @ WQE** campaign.

We have created banks of resources for classrooms and corridors designed to encourage debate and conversations around challenging ideologies and themes, and delivered a CPD session on how we can work towards a more Cohesive Community. We also held a well attended and productive focus group for students to begin to develop an action plan for how best to tackle any misogynistic language or views, or any other hate speech heard within our College community. The session was supported by Dr Jenn Hobbs (Lecturer in International Relations) and Dr. Natasha Stoyce - both from the University of Leicester).

Our Content VS Context resources also caught the attention of the Department for Education, and they are keen to work with WQE in future regarding some of the current challenges in schools.

Our resources have been designed to promote conversation in a range of ways, from using imagery to suggest taking a closer look at the wider picture, to looking at alternative viewpoints to promote empathy towards others, even if at first you disagree with their ideas.

We look forward to continuing to work with both the University of Leicester and Department of Education to further improve our practice.

CONTENT VS CONTEXT

WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO FOLLOW THE IDEOLOGIES OF BOTH OF THESE MEN?

YES. THE FIRST MAN HAS DONE THINGS THAT REJECTED HATEFUL, BUT THE SECOND ONE HAS DONE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN GOOD

HE SAID...	HE SAID...	HE SAID...	HE SAID...
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CAN THERE BE A BALANCED VIEWPOINT MADE FOR EITHER INDIVIDUAL?

WE QUESTION EVERYTHING @ WQE

These resources are available internally on StaffNet though the Communications and Admin Hub.



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WQE SAFEGUARDING TEAM

0800 061 4222

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We are working with the University of Leicester and SafeZone to make our community as safe as possible.

The SafeZone app covers the areas of both campuses and the routes in-between, and can be used to call for assistance when needed.

We encourage all of our staff and students to download the app to their smartphone - just in case. We are advised that in an emergency, a member of our security teams can be with you within minutes.

A GUIDE TO SOCIAL MEDIA - PART TWO



Twitter is an online news and social networking site where people communicate in short messages called tweets. Tweeting is posting short messages for anyone who follows you on Twitter. Another description of Twitter and tweeting might be microblogging.

Every tweet is limited to a maximum of 280 characters. You join with a free account and Twitter name, and then you send broadcasts as frequently as you like.

Twitter allows users to connect with anyone in the world, but it has also become a dangerous place filled with harassment and abuse. People have been targeted by coordinated harassment campaigns that can involve anything from threats and spamming to account hacks and worse.

Minds is a free, open source social media network that has been described as more privacy-focused than other mainstream social media networks.



Minds uses cryptocurrency to pay their users to create content, and describes itself as focused on free speech, with the website urging users to 'take back control of your social media', and minimally moderating the content on the platform. It has also been noted that there is a high volume of far-right users and content on the platform.

Snapchat is a multi-media messaging app that allows pictures and videos to be sent between users and for 'stories' to be uploaded for anyone on the platform to see.

What are the risks of Snapchat?

- Inappropriate or harmful content - Users could be at risk of viewing harmful or upsetting content and images.
- Location sharing - Snapchat Map shares your location with other users on the app.
- Unwanted contact - Users may receive unwanted contact from adults or other young people using the app.
- Pressure to share - Snapchat messages normally disappear after a short period of time once opened. This could put users more at risk of sharing something that makes them feel uncomfortable or could harm or upset someone else. It's important to remember that shared content can always be screenshotted by the recipient.
- Pressure to chat - With 'streaks', there is a pressure to keep using the app and to achieve a high 'streak score'.

