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SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

WELCOME
BACK!

KEY KCSIE CHANGES FOR 2025-26

As we enter a new academic year, there are some key changes within Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) that we need to be aware of:

- Revised guidance on **Relationships, Sex, and Health Education** in summer 2025. If published, KCSIE will signpost to this guidance in September 2025
- **Online Safety**: The terms 'misinformation', 'disinformation' and 'conspiracy theories' have been included as safeguarding harms
- **Generative AI**: a link has been added to DfE guidance on the use of generative AI in education (2025). Filtering and monitoring must be applied to all generative AI used within education settings
[Generative AI: product safety expectations - GOV.UK](#)
- 'Working together to safeguard **attendance**' is now 'statutory' guidance for schools – many of its principles applicable for colleges too [Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\)](#)
- Revised guidance on **gender questioning children** in summer 2025. If published, KCSIE will signpost to this guidance in September 2025



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CLICK ON THE IMAGE ABOVE TO ACCESS
THE FULL KCSIE 2025 DOCUMENT, OR
SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW IF READING A
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BIKE REGISTRATIONS

Police Community Support Officer, Richard Paul Williams, recently visited the college to register bikes and speak to students about the importance of using good quality bike locks. This is a measure used by police forces across the country to help prevent bike theft. Around 45 students and staff members registered their bike on the day. PCSO Williams will be returning to the college on 6th October 2025.



[Click here to find out more information](#) or scan the QR code to be taken to the Bike Register website.



'ANXIETY UNCOVERED' PODCAST

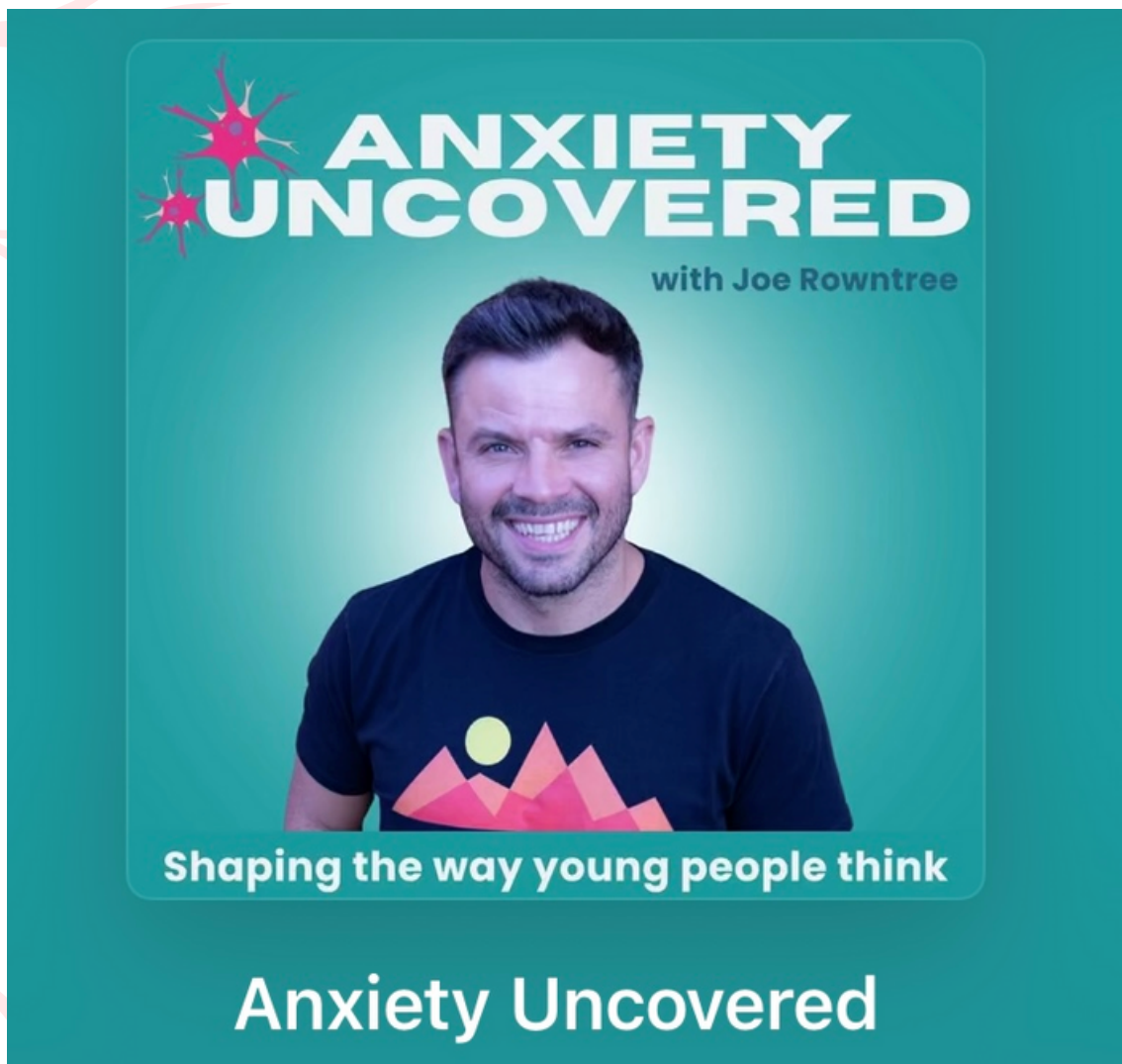
Comedian, presenter and mindset coach, Joe Rowntree, recently visited the college as part of the Talk the Talk workshops that our new students participated in during Orientation. Joe has now released a new podcast, Anxiety Uncovered. The podcast is aimed at supporting young people, and the adults around them, with understanding and managing anxiety. It contains lots of insight and practical strategies.



[Click here](#) or scan the QR code below to listen on Spotify.



[Click here](#) or scan the QR code below to listen on Apple Podcasts.



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 FREE safety app

- First Aid Call**
For when you need medical assistance
- Help**
For when you need non-emergency assistance
- Emergency**
If you feel threatened or need urgent assistance

Download **SafeZone App** on

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The system is privacy-protected, so will never share your location unless you summon assistance or if you use the check-in function. This also means the app will not drain your mobile phone battery.



KEY UPDATES FROM THE SUMMER

SUPREME COURT RULING: TRANSGENDER

In April 2025, the Supreme Court clarified that the terms “woman” and “man” refer to biological sex. If somebody identifies as trans, they do not change sex even if they have a Gender Recognition Certificate.

Where separate sex facilities are provided under the exceptions in the Equality Act, they must remain single sex.



This may cause distress to members of the WQE community who identify as trans. We are handling this sensitively and have created ‘All Access’ facilities to accommodate these students.

PREVENT

The Prevent Strategy is part of the UK’s CONTEST counter-terrorism strategy.

Following the Southport attack of July 2024, the Home Office has published ‘Lessons for Prevent’, a detailed review carried out by the Interim Independent Prevent Commissioner Lord Anderson of Ipswich KBE KC.

The document outlines a number of recommendations in order to improve the Prevent system and avoid similar incidents reoccurring.

You can access the full document [here](#) or by scanning the QR code.



PROSCRIBED TERRORIST GROUPS

The Government recently proscribed three groups who are now deemed to be terrorist organisations. They are:

- Palestine Action
- Russian Imperial Movement
- Murder Maniacs Cult

Hundreds of arrests have been made in recent weeks following protests in London where people have been showing support for Palestine Action.



Proscription makes it a criminal offence to belong to the organisation or show any support of them. The penalties for these offences can be a maximum of 14 years in prison and/or an unlimited fine.

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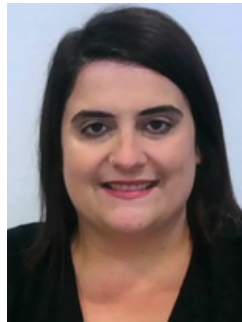
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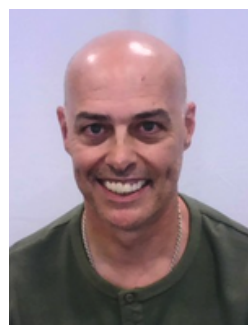
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