10 November 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian

As part of anti-bullying week (17th-21st November) our PSHE programme will focus on online safety and anti-bullying to educate our youngsters about the issues involved and how to deal with them should they encounter them.

As we are aware of how the impact of such activities out of school can become an issue here in school we are organising an evening on what parents can do to ensure their child is safe online. The evening will be for parents who may want to keep abreast of the issues and explore and share ways that you can help your son keep safe when using electronic social networking systems. This will be held in our Sixth Form Centre 7-8.30pm on Thursday 20th November, 2014 (*map below*).

If you would like to attend could you please complete and return the reply slip below by Monday 17th November - this will more accurately help us to gauge the numbers interested. If you have any particular areas of concern that you would like us to address at the meeting please indicate this on the list attached to the end of this letter.

Yours sincerely

O. Konanec

Mrs O Konanec
Assistant Head
KS4 Progress, Welfare & Conduct Leader

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Please return to Mrs Konanec via your son's Form Tutor

I/we would like to attend the 'Online Safety' information evening on Thursday 20th November, 2014.

Number of adults attending: _____

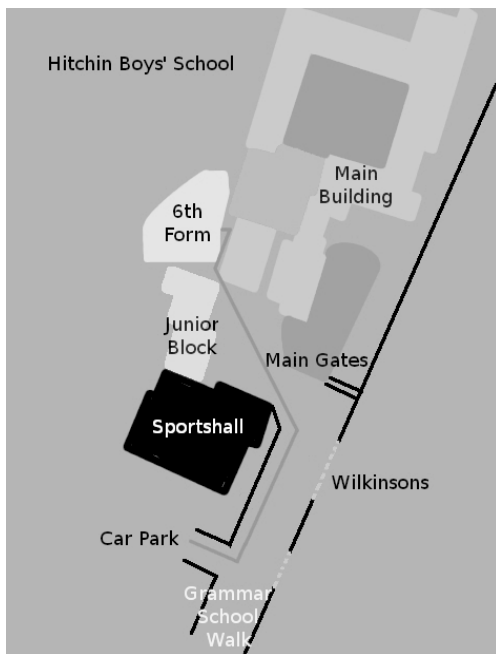Student's name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Signed: _____ (parent/guardian)

Head Teacher: Mr M Brown

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Main Building

6th Form

Junior Block

Main Gates

Sportshall

Wilkinsons

Car Park

Grammar School Walk

ONLINE CONCERNS	*Tick for particular information*
CONTACT	
Cyber bullying	
Online grooming	
Use of emails for communication	
Sexting	
Snapchat (picture messaging)	
CONTENT	
Viewing inappropriate content	
Plagiarism and copyright (schoolwork, music or games)	
Inaccurate information (which can mislead i.e. health)	
User generated content (personal files uploaded via mobile phone)	
Losing control over pictures and videos (when sent to others who forward it on)	
COMMERCIALISM	
E-commerce (children using their debit cards to purchase over the net, or your credit card)	
Privacy (Protecting it online by not giving out personal data or only the minimum required)	
Junk email/spam (another way of releasing personal information)	
Premium rate services (Ring tones, games that can be monthly charges as opposed to one off charges)	
TRENDS	
Social networking (facebook, chat rooms, wikis and blogs to create online reputation/page)	
Downloading from peer-peer/file sharing networks (used to download copyrighted material)	
Mobile technologies (mobile phones offer internet connectivity, as well as games consoles)	
Overuse/addiction (online behaviour distracts and diverts from other activities i.e. sleeping)	
COMPUTER SECURITY	
Viruses, hacking and computer security (how to protect your data and keep your computer working)	
OTHER - PLEASE STATE	

Online Safety information evening on Thursday 20th November, 2014
6th Form Centre @ 7pm