



Year 7 Information Evening

September 2023



Purpose of the Evening

- Explain how we monitor your child's progress – Mr Rawlings
- Behaviour – Standards/Serious Incidents – Mr Bird
- Explain the safe use of the internet at home – Mr Norman
- Mobile Phone Policy – Mr Norman



Monitoring Student Progress



Reports

- Approximately one every half term, these include:
 - Module Report – four interim reports including an overview using numbers 1-4 for attitude to learning/effort:
 1. *Outstanding*
 2. *Very Good*
 3. *Inconsistent*
 4. *Unsatisfactory*
 - Mid-Year Report – one written (February)
 - End of Year Report – one written (July)



How we assess

- No grades in Year 7 and 8
- Students are monitored to see if they are making expected progress
- Key assessments in subjects
- Grades start in Year 9



How can parents help?

We ask you seven questions in your child's Module Report

- Are you satisfied with your child's school work?
- Are you satisfied with homework?
- Have you looked at all the books in the portfolio?
- Are you satisfied that work is being marked regularly?
- Do you wish to meet with the Personal Tutor?
- Did you raise a concern last module?
- If yes, was a satisfactory outcome achieved
- Further comments



Behaviour



Key Policies

- Behaviour Policy
- Parent Charter
- Student Charter



Standards

- The following behaviours will not be tolerated at Thomas Telford School:
 - Vapes/smoking
 - Drugs
 - Aggressive behaviour
 - Inappropriate use of mobile phone
- You must counsel your child effectively on this



Online Safety



The Power of Technology

- Improves teaching and learning
- Allows us to access material when and wherever we like
- Can be used to create amazing things
- Needs to be used responsibly



Support Learning

- The internet can be a great research tool, but this needs to be filtered and monitored
- Monitor internet use closely and discuss appropriate websites and apps
- Hold positive conversations
- In school provision – Filters at school are updated daily through our Internet Service Provider



Practical Tips

- Consider the use of Google Family Link or Apple Family
- Consider the time spent in isolated areas of the house on relevant technologies
- Keep up to date with trends. We update parents via our social media platforms and mail shots.



What to look for:

- Messages from strangers
- Friends of friends
- Invitations to meet
- Do not reply to messages that concern them. Encourage your child to discuss any messages that make them feel uncomfortable with you before they respond.



What to do:

- Report to relevant platforms and agencies any concerning behaviours.
- CEOP is a platform that supports reporting of inappropriate behaviour.



Sharing Images

- At Thomas Telford School this is currently an area we are dealing with, and unfortunately young people are making wrong decisions in this area.
- Please have open and frank discussions about the use of images.
- Sharing of inappropriate images can have serious long-term consequences for all involved.
- VIDEO – Stay Safe Online



Video – Staying safe online

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=IWPDs4wtxxU&si=jyunATOArvmBg4wZ>

Social Media Influencers

- Influencers are appearing more and more in the press and as a society we have started to discuss the negative impact they can have.
- They can give a perception of perfection, be aware the post may have been edited.
- Ensure you hold conversations on the types of people they are following on social media platforms.



If you have any questions about this evening please email

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