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Year 9 Maths Competition



Year 9 students were set the challenge of creating a scale model of a famous landmark or structure (as pictured), following the completion of the Similarity unit of work. We received some wonderful entries which showed pupils' creativity and knowledge of similar shapes and scale factors. We are proud to announce the winner of the competition was Zayba J with a fantastic model bedroom. Runners up, with impressive structures of the Eiffel Tower and Leaning Tower of Pisa, are Sandani and Sandali G. Thank you to all pupils who entered the competition.



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Year 10 Maths Competition



After looking at standard form, Year 10 students were asked to use their creativity to design a way of expressing or illustrating the scale of the universe and its significance. Well done to Umaynah B who is the winner of the competition and Hatim K who came runner up. Thank you to all pupils who entered the competition.

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Science Enrichment Newsletter

Educake Top Scorers

Well done to all the students who completed their home learning task this week. And a particular congratulations to the following highest students who scored 100%!

Year 9: Joe J, Amaan B, Mohammed P, Lewis R, Muhammad V, Leah H, Zainab P, Aisha P, Zak I, Abigail H, Morgan I, Annie H, Elizabeth S, Syed T, Abdullah H, Tom D, Andrew M, Saarah D, Rayhan D, Farrah H, Abubakar C, Jenson M, Muhammad-Khaleel V, Huzafa A, Abdur-Rahman A, Anson L, Sandali G.

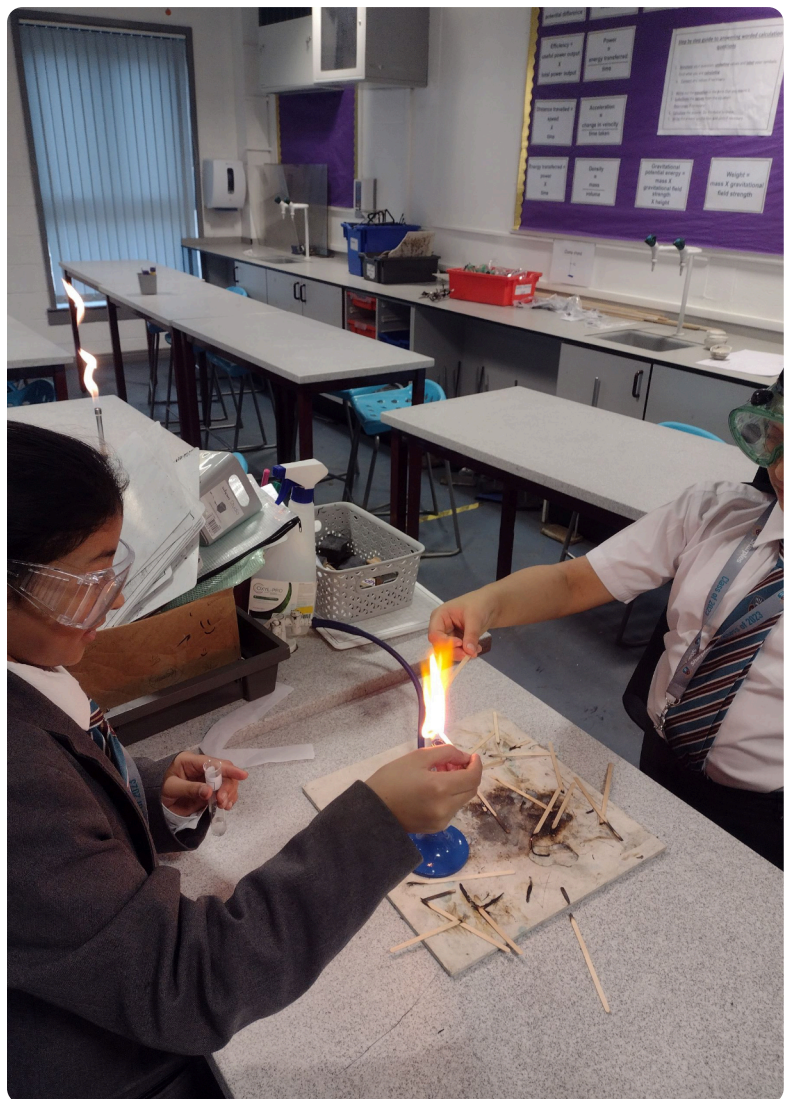
Year 10: Saffiya A, Dante H, Umaynah B, Ameena P, Mantasha M, Isa H, Xuan Z, Ayesha M, Maryam P, Aamina P, Khadijah Y, Aashan S, Ziyaad M.

STEM club

This week in the STEM club pupils were performing flame tests (as pictured). The flame test is used to visually determine the identity of an unknown metal based on the characteristic colour the salt turns the flame of a bunsen burner. We observed that burning a solution containing Copper turned the flame green whilst Potassium produced a lilac colour. This gave the pupils an idea as to how the colours in fireworks can be produced!

Astronomy club

This week in the Astronomy club, students started building a model of the space probe Gaia. Gaia was launched by the European Space Agency 10 years ago and continues to take data today (example picture on the next page). It is involved in the field of Astrometry, measuring the position of stars with incredible accuracy. Students are busy making a replica of this extraordinary piece of astronomical equipment.





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Observatory visit

This week, a class of Year 5 students visited Sharples from High Lawn Primary School. As well as learning about space science with a series of activities in the classroom, they were also invited out to visit the observatory to see how telescopes can be used to study space and capture incredible images.

Cell models

Year 7 have been learning about animal and plant cells this term. To help them visualise the shape and scale of the cells they have been making models from plasticine and other materials.

Science Career of the Week

This week's career is 'Therapeutic Engineer'. Therapeutic radiographers take images of the insides of patients' bodies and plan treatments to treat a particular disease. Information about experience opportunities, providers, entry requirements and much more can be found here: [Science career of the Week](#).

Please speak to Mr. Burke, who will provide you with more information about this, or any other, science career.

Revision Skill of the Week

Revision skill of the week is... 'Keyword practice'. Understanding the meaning of keywords is essential in being able to answer questions. Each science topic has its own set of keywords and definitions. You can test your knowledge by covering up the keywords, reading the definitions and giving the answer, before checking whether you were right!

Mr. Fowlds - Science Enrichment Coordinator



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English Department's Stars of the Week

Work of the Week

Year 7

Zachary M has written a great start to the story 'Dog, Cat, Baby'. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Sehar I has shown excellent analytical skills in her paragraph on Blood Brothers. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Gabs M has written an excellent analysis on symbolism and free verse in the poem 'I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings'. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Ella G has shown excellent skill in her annotations for poetry. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Fatima V has written a thoughtful poetry essay. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Readers of the Week

Year 7

Alyssa E for reading the story Pieces of Silver aloud at an ideal pace.

Year 8

Raissa B A for her efforts this year reading and understanding new texts.

Year 9

Ahmed M for an enthusiastic and passionate reading of our class text The Jungle.

Year 10

Amy P for consistently reading for meaning well.

Year 11

Harvey H for playing a dramatic Mrs Birling.



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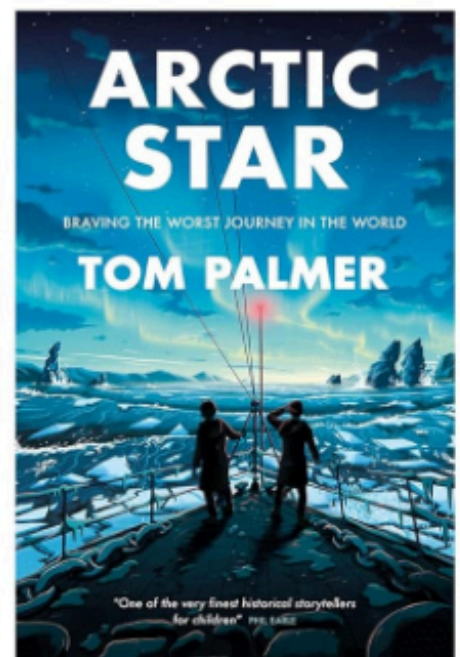
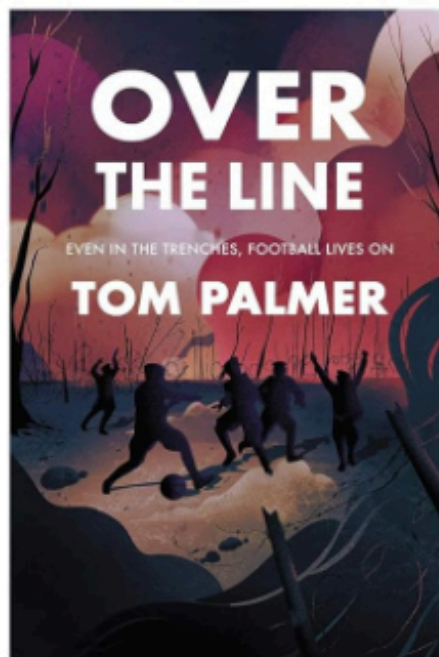
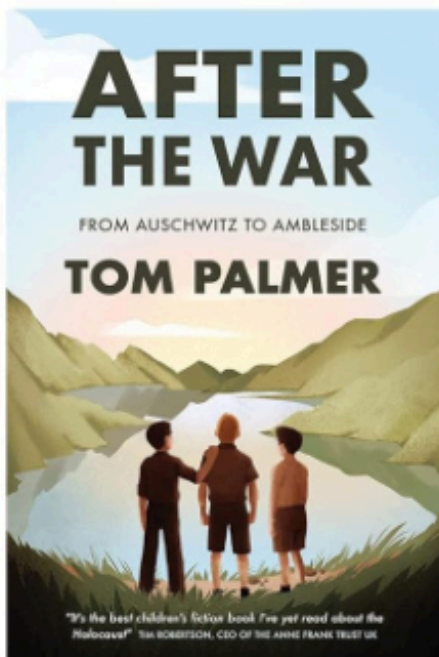
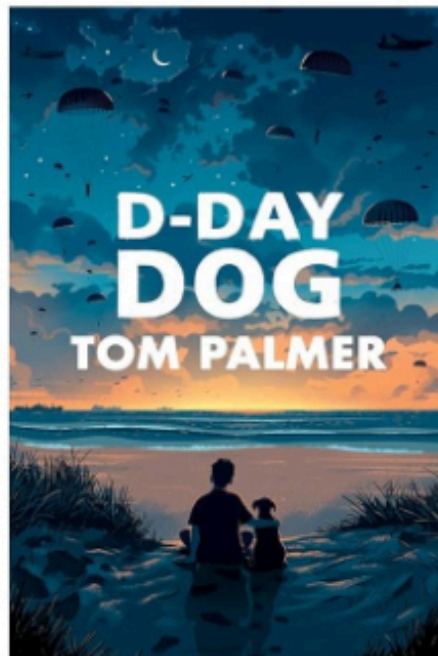
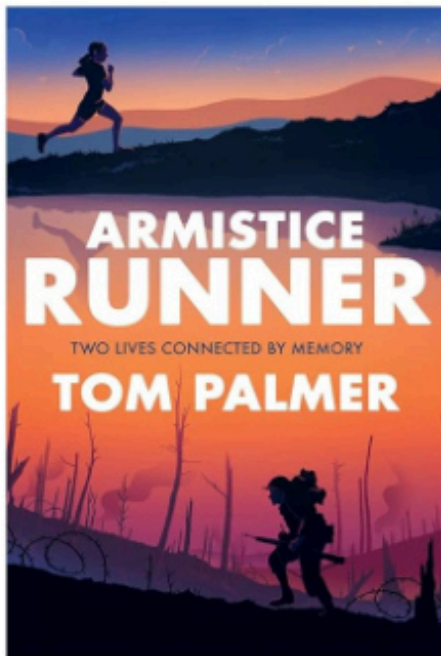
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Children's Author Tom Palmer Talk at Imperial War Museum Manchester

Tom Palmer will be at the Imperial War Museum Manchester on Sunday 26th November 2023 at 11am-3pm.

Join children's author Tom Palmer this Museum Shop Sunday as he signs copies of his wartime novels and discusses his new title Football's Greatest Moments.



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Derby Day at Old Trafford!



Over 30 students travelled to Old Trafford (as pictured) on Sunday evening to watch the first ever derby held at the Theatre of Dreams between Man United and Man City. The majority of the students had never stepped foot inside a stadium and some were taken aback when they first caught a glimpse of Old Trafford. With over 45,000 in attendance, the atmosphere was brilliant, especially as we were in the Stretford End! With half of the girls supporting City, they were very pleased their team secured a 3-1 victory over their closest rivals! The girls supporting United were not so happy...

The girls seemed to have a brilliant time and were a credit to the school throughout the day.

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U16 Basketball Tournament



Sharples made the short journey to Smithills this week to compete in an U16 tournament. The team has been practising every week with Mr Grundy since September. Sharples walked straight off the minibus and into a match against a very strong Smithills team and with no chance to warm up they struggled to adjust to the pace of the game and started with a loss. Sharples soon started to find their rhythm though and bounced back with a victory over Little Lever after a superb solo effort from star player Leo M. The next game against Turton looked destined to be a draw but Turton scored the winning points with 3 seconds left on the clock. The team refused to let the last second disappointment get to them and went on to record another 3 wins and finish the tournament strongly. Special mention to girls Anna and Emilija who competed against some very strong boys from other schools and Sol M who was fantastic and scored some great baskets despite only being in Year 8.

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A Cold Evening of Football for our Girls!



Our KS3 and KS4 football teams (pictured) took on Bolton St Catherines in the league on Thursday evening in very wet and cold conditions! Our older girls got off to a flying start and were leading by 3 at half time. A further 4 goals in the second half ensured the girls came away with an impressive 7-1 victory! A special mention must go to Khadija V who scored 5 goals. However, the KS3 girls struggled to convert some great chances in front of goal and were unfortunate to lose, 3-0. They will have the chance to redeem themselves when they face Bolton School next Wednesday!

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Sports Leaders Support Local Primary Schools



A huge well done to some of our sports leaders who supported the multisport Panathlon event for local primary schools on Thursday (as pictured). Pupils travelled to Bolton Arena to help support children with special educational needs take part in different activities. They rotated around different sport stations and helped the younger children complete all of the events. The organisers of the competition and teachers from the primary schools commented on how well the students interacted with the pupils and supported them throughout the day. They were even asked to go and support the county event next year. A fantastic and fulfilling experience for everyone involved!

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Bolton Cross Country Championship



A selection of students were chosen to represent the school at the Bolton Cross Country Championship at Rivington High School this week. Students have been focusing on resilience and motivation during core PE lessons and it was fantastic to see the efforts from all our students completing the run in very difficult conditions. It was a fantastic day and lovely to see students representing the school with pride and doing their absolute best. Alex C (Year 7) and Henry R (Year 8) ran superb races and have now qualified to represent the Town in the Greater Manchester Championship after finishing in the top 15. Star athlete Marcus V (Year 11) finished 1st and will be hoping to repeat his performance in the next race and go on to represent Greater Manchester in the near future.

Year 7 Boys Football

Year 7 took two teams to Canon Slade this week and it was a great opportunity for more students to represent the school team. It was a difficult evening for both squads and Canon Slade were convincing winners. One of the teams started slowly and found themselves out of the game before halftime. Alex used his pace to run in behind and slot his shot past the oncoming keeper to pull a goal back but this was only to be a consolation goal. Sharples battled much better in the second half and made the contest much more competitive, showing more resilience and courage on the ball. The game was much more competitive on the other pitch and Sharples were unlucky to go into half time a goal behind. We started the second half superbly and soon found ourselves level but failed to build on our goal and struggled to find a way back into the game. The team will be back in action on Monday when they travel to Little Lever and aim to get back to winning ways.

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Attendance Information

Reporting an absence:

If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school before 9.30am with full details of your child's illness/symptoms. The attendance email is the easiest way to contact school as the phone line can get very busy.

The school attendance email is: attendance@sharplesschool.co.uk

If we are unable to make contact and you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Attendance Data

Year Groups attendance this week:

Year 7 = 96.28%
Year 8 = 94.84%
Year 9 = 94.04%
Year 10 = 94.98%
Year 11 = 93.69%

Best forms this week:

7ples4 = 100%
8shar4 = 100%
9P = 98.85%
10S = 100%
11P = 98.40%

483 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 1st
December: Year 10
Animal care trip to
Smithills Farm

Monday 4th
December (all
week): Year 10
speaking PPE
exam

Thursday 7th
December: Year 11
Animal care trip to
Sealife Centre

Friday 8th
December: Teacher
Training Day
(School closed to
all students)

Career of the Week: Clinical Psychologist

Clinical psychologists help people manage mental health issues, phobias and addiction.


Average Salary: £ E33,706 E47,672

Starter Experienced

Typical hours:
(per week)

 37 to 39
a week

You could work:

 evenings / weekends
occasionally

Qualifications:

- You can get into this job through a university course or an apprenticeship.
- You'll need a degree in psychology accredited by The British Psychological Society.
- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent.
- 3 A levels, or equivalent.

Skills required:

- Knowledge of Psychology.
- Counselling skills including active listening and a non-judgemental approach.
- The ability to understand people's reactions.
- Sensitivity and understanding.
- Analytical thinking skills.
- Excellent verbal communication skills.
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations.

Relevant Subjects:

- English, Science and Health & Social Care.



Information sourced from: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/clinical-psychologist>



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Rotary **YOUNG WRITER** COMPETITION

AGES 7-17



Interested in creative writing? Write a handwritten or typed story in prose or poem entitled 'Rebuilding'.

The written entry could be fiction or nonfiction, as long as the piece relates to the theme and all entries must be legible. Prose entries should be up to a maximum 550 words. Poetry entries should be up to a maximum of 40 lines.

See Miss Hartley in U8 for more information or to submit your work.



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'There is something delicious about WRITING the first words of a STORY. You never quite know where they'll take you.'

BEATRIX POTTER

Learn
Dream
Achieve

Calling all young writers

Let your imagination run wild, and get creative with the written word by taking part in the the annual Rotary Young Writer competition.



Calling all Year 11 amazing mathematicians...

UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

Wednesday 31st January 2024

If you would like to take part please let your maths teacher know or send an email to Mrs Hart.

Optional lunchtime support session every Monday in G21



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PE Lunch Time Clubs - This Half Term

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Y7 Football (Big Astro) - AHM | Y8 Football (Big Astro) - PGR | Y9 Football (Big Astro) - AHM | Y7 Football - (Big Astro) - AHM | Y8 Football (Big astro) AHM |
| Netball Yr 7/8 (SH) - SCU & LAL | Y7 Dodgeball (SH) - LAL | Just Dance- all years (SH) - SCU | KS3 Dodgeball (SH) - LAL | Y11 Football (Small Astro) - JBA |
| Y8 Football (Small Astro) - JBA | Y11 Football (Small Astro) - JBA | Y7/Y8 Basketball (Gym) - LAL | Y9 Football (Small Astro) - JBA | Y10 Football (SH) - LAL |
| Boccia (Gym) - SCU & LAL | Sports Studies catch up (G32)- AHM | KS4 Boys Fitness Suite - PGR | | |
| | | Y10 Football (Small Astro) - JBA | | |

WEEK COMMENCING - 27th November



PE After School Clubs - This Half Term

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|
| Yr 7/8 Swimming Club | KS4 boys fitness | Yr 7/8 Swimming Club | Clubs cancelled due to staff training session | Department detentions |
| KS4 Netball | Yr 7/8 football practice | Basketball practice | | |
| Y7 Netball v Essa (h) | KS3 Netball | KS4 Girls fitness | | |
| Yr 7 football v Little Lever (a) | Running Club | KS3 & KS4 girls football v Bolton School (h) | | |
| | | Yr 9/10 football v Ladybridge (a) TBC | | |

● Football & badminton fixtures will be arranged throughout the term!



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Work Experience 2024



Our Year 10 students are currently looking for Work Experience placements during the week of 12th - 16th February 2024. If you, your employer or anyone you may know can source a placement for our students, please contact our Raising Aspirations Lead Mrs N Patel at n.patel1@sharplesschool.co.uk or contact our school on 01204 333253.

We aim to provide our students with the best opportunities in order to prepare them with the correct skills and knowledge needed for the world of work.



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 Raising
Aspirations

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

X

AGE RESTRICTION

13+

In October 2022, the enormously popular social media network Twitter was purchased by tech tycoon Elon Musk. That sparked a host of changes to the platform – not all which have been received positively by its fans. The alterations have continued with each passing month, many of them raising online safety concerns among the 530 million users of Twitter (now rebranded as simply X). With further adjustments reportedly in the pipeline, X has attracted more than its usual share of controversy and caution in recent times.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A BLOCK ON BLOCKING

X has announced plans to remove its blocking feature. Previously, this stopped other users from viewing your profile or sending you direct messages, while also hiding their posts from your feed. Only this latter function will now remain. The decision has been criticised by some members, who feel that blocking (in its current form) protects them from X users who 'promote denial and hatred'.

LIMITED REPORTING FEATURES

X offers a premium membership, with some functionality (such as controlling who can view and reply to your posts) increasingly being made exclusive to those who pay the subscription fee. Several commentators have speculated that X could one day become an exclusively paid-for service, with access to accounts being revoked for anyone unwilling or unable to take out a subscription.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Many of X's less age-appropriate posts can feature anything from extreme political views to pornography. While accounts marked as 18+ are restricted from non-members, it's still fairly easy to stumble across this material accidentally. X's new 'For You' page also shows content from accounts that a user *doesn't* already follow – meaning that almost anything could end up on a child's feed.

VERIFICATION FOR SALE

Historically, Twitter's moderators granted account verification: certifying someone as authentic by placing a blue tick next to their username. One of X's earliest changes was to place verification behind a paywall; this caused the number of celebrity impersonators to rise and left no way to distinguish, say, a legitimate influencer from a copycat fake account seeking to exploit other users.

BLUE TICK SALE

Advice for Parents & Carers

PROTECT PRIVACY

Unsavory characters may try to gain access to a young person's X account – either to view their posts and gather information on them, or to completely take control of it. To minimise risk, ensure the account has a strong password and enable the 'Protect Your Posts' feature (via the account settings), so that strangers can't view your child's posts without first being approved as a follower.

DON'T RISE TO THE BAIT

To gain more views and followers, some X users post deliberately inflammatory comments on sensitive topics such as race, sexual orientation and gender issues. Many young people could find this upsetting. Emphasise that, if your child encounters someone spreading hate on X, it's best not to give that person what they want: an argument. Ignore them, mute their account and move on.

STAY ALERT FOR IMPOSTERS

Make sure your child understands that X's blue ticks no longer guarantee the identity of anyone on the platform. While it might be exciting if a celebrity liked your child's post, it could just as easily be an imposter with malicious intentions. If your child's not 100% sure that an X user actually is who they claim to be, advise them to err on the side of caution and avoid interacting with that account.

ONLY FOLLOW TRUSTED ACCOUNTS

Using the 'Following' tab on X helps to ensure that the only content your child sees has come from accounts they've chosen to follow: this should reduce the chance of them inadvertently being exposed to harmful, violent or explicit content. Show your child how to report another user's account if, say, they're behaving inappropriately by spreading misinformation or offensive opinions.

BE READY TO TAKE ACTION

If your child suffers harassment on the platform or becomes the target of a hack, you could consider deactivating their account entirely. Recently, X's safety features have been criticised for allegedly failing to protect users' wellbeing – so if your child is being subjected to abusive messages or similar mistreatment on the platform, it might be prudent to remove them from X altogether.


Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



National Online Safety®

#WakeUpWednesday



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TEXT US FOR CONFIDENTIAL ADVICE AND SUPPORT.**

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For
all families
with children
under 18

Early Help Parenting Drop-in

We know that being a parent is not always easy and that families need extra support at some stage as children grow up.

Targeted Early Help Workers will be on hand to offer advice and support.

We can offer signposting to helpful services, organisations and community groups.

Poor
school
attendance?

Are they
being excluded
from school?

Are they
anxious or
struggling with
self-esteem?

Are you
struggling with
your child's
behaviour?

Not sure
what services
there are available
that can help to
support you?

Come and join us for a cup of tea and a chat if you want any advice or information about parenting.

Drop-in sessions, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Farnworth King St Centre 16 Sept 7 Oct 28 Oct 18 Nov 9 Dec

Oxford Grove Children Centre 23 Sept 14 Oct 4 Nov 25 Nov

Tonge Children Centre 30 Sept 21 Oct 11 Nov 2 Dec



For more information please contact:

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