

# Elizabethan Newsletter

Summer Term  
Highlights 2024

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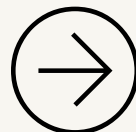
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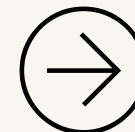
In this issue: Key dates, information, trips, upcoming events, books, Year 11 leavers, Prom, Berite and more!



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# Message from the Principal: *a farewell...*

As I write this final welcome to our Elizabethan Summer Newsletter, I am filled with a blend of nostalgia, gratitude, and excitement for the future. After nine wonderful years as Principal of this extraordinary school, the time has come for me to retire and pass the baton to new leadership.

Reflecting on the past decade, I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together. Our school has grown not just in numbers, but in spirit, innovation, and excellence. We are renowned for our unique and inclusive culture. Students truly are at the centre of everything we do. We believe in education in its broadest sense. Qualifications are important but equally we want our students to have the opportunities and experiences which enable them to develop the skills and attributes to be successful in the future, and to be the leaders of tomorrow. The Elizabethan's accomplishments would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our dedicated staff, the enthusiasm and hard work of our students, and the trust and involvement of parents.

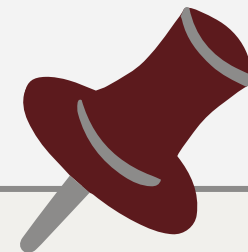
We have faced challenges together, including a worldwide pandemic. We have celebrated success and navigated changes that have made our community stronger and more resilient and more certain of what we stand for and what we believe education should be. Every step has been with the aim of providing the best possible environment and opportunities for our students to learn and thrive. I want to extend my thanks to parents and carers for the support, feedback, and collaboration you have provided.

I wish the new headteacher, Mr Tom Crowther, every success in the future. I have no doubt that he will build on the shared values and ethos of the school so it continues to flourish and achieve even greater heights. Thank you for an unforgettable nine years. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as Principal at The Elizabethan Academy. Even though I will no longer be present on corridors and in classrooms, my heart will always remain in this school.

Very best wishes...  
Christine Horrocks



# Key Dates & Information



**Thurs 25th Jul:** Last day of term

**Mon 29th Jul - Wed 31st Jul:** Year 6 Summer School

**Thurs 15th Aug:** A Level Results Day

**Thurs 22nd Aug:** GCSE Results Day

**Mon 2nd Sept:** Admin INSET (Staff only)

**Tues 3rd Sept:** School opens for Year 7 and Year 12 ONLY

**Wed 4th Sept:** School opens back for ALL students. Lessons start period 3

**Mon 9th Sept - Fri 13th Sept:** Years 7-12 Baseline Assessment week

**Tues 17th Sept:** Year 12 Welcome Evening

**Wed 25th Sept:** Open Evening

***Thurs 17th Oct - 1st Nov: October Half Term***





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our Prospectus

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sixth form  
course directory.

Find a relaxing spot this Summer holiday and...

***Take a look at our pick of seasonal favourites...***

***dive into a good book!***

Worst Holiday Ever – *Charlie Higson*

The Summer We Turned Green – *William Sutcliffe*

The Colour of the Sun – *David Almond*

Summer's Dream – *Cathy Cassidy*

The Sun and the Star – *Rick Riordan & Mark Oshiro*

The Summer I Turned Pretty – *Jenny Han*

PIG and the Ice Cream Cake – *Barbara Catchpole*

A Drop of Golden Sun – *Kate Saunders*

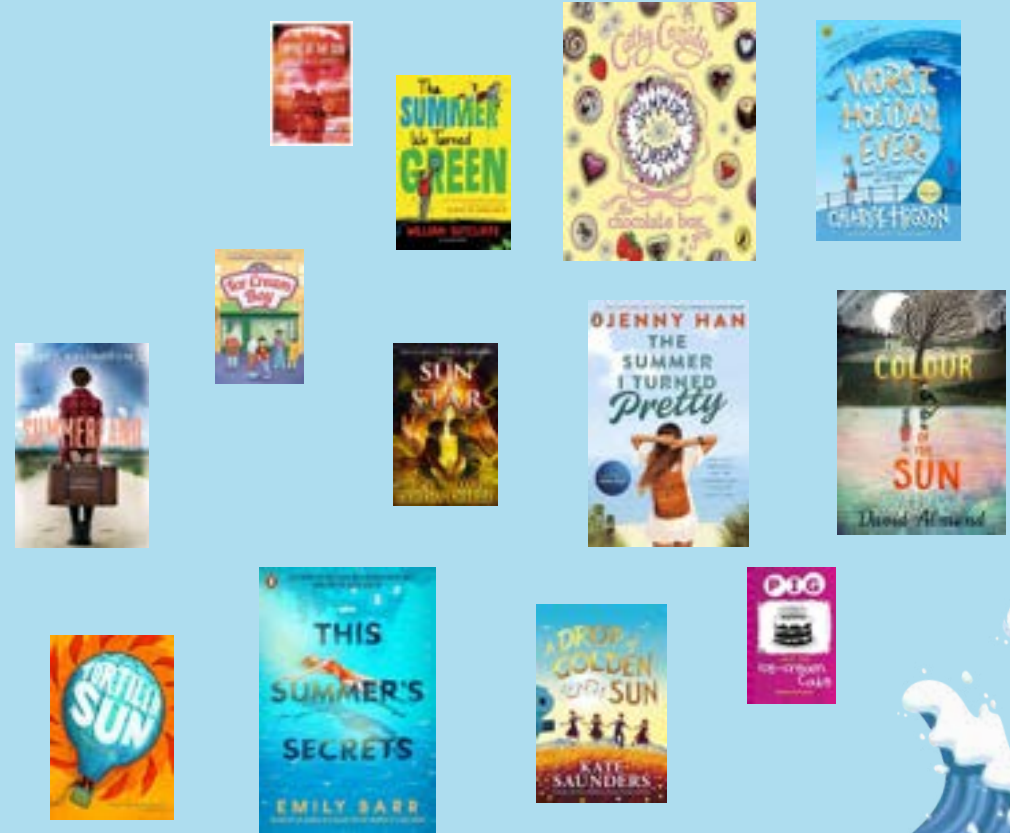
This Summer's Secrets – *Emily Barr*

Summerland – *Lucy Adlington*

Tortilla Sun – *Jennifer Cervantes*

Empire of the Sun – *J. G. Ballard*

Ice Cream Boy – *Lindsay Littleson*







## What is Re:Form:

Schoolwear that doesn't hurt the planet or your pocket.  
Re:Form is a brand new way to buy your uniform cost effectively whilst also helping the environment.



# Uniform Re:Form Trutex *Information Flyer* *Link:*



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# Unplug Friday



Every Friday, we unplug and revitalise, by switching off our mobile phones and games consoles to fully interact with each other in the real world during the school day – EA is a mobile free zone all day! Phones and other electronic devices must be switched off and put in bags to avoid temptation from the first bell of the day at 08:40 right through to the last bell at 15:15!

Any phones or electronic devices seen anywhere in the academy will be removed to the school office for collection at the end of the day (this does not however, include devices that students have been allocated to support with their learning or mobile phones being used by students to check blood sugar levels or any other medical conditions).

As part of our weekly safeguarding update, students are reminded of the benefits of unplugging from technology one day a week, and how/why the following are beneficial ...

- You will be more productive
- You will be more focussed
- You will sleep better
- Reduces stress.
- It will improve your relationships
- It will improve your health
- It will rewire your brain in positive ways
- It will make you a better person



# *Accessing the Academy Car Park & Road Safety*

In previous newsletters, we have informed all our parents/carers that we operate a vehicle permit system. This is to ensure that only those families whose children have specific needs are able to access the car park. It is absolutely essential for safety reasons that the number of vehicles entering and exiting the site is consistently controlled and managed responsibly.

If you think you require a vehicle permit for next academic year (2024-25), please click on the link below to access our online form, and provide in brief, your reasons for requesting a permit. Please do this by no later than 9 August 2024...

<https://forms.office.com/e/pmQJ3LksDq>

If you currently have a vehicle permit, you still need to complete the form as all current permits will expire at the end of September 2024. Where we consider reasons for requesting a permit to be valid, we will issue new permits at the beginning of October 2024.

If you do not have a vehicle permit we ask you to please refrain from entering the school car park/site to drop off and collect your child unless it is an absolute necessity.

Also, could we please ask that you don't use the car parks of commercial businesses located near to the academy, to drop off and collect your children. In the past, it has been raised by such businesses that this has a negative impact, as customers have nowhere to park and on occasions, store entrances have even been blocked. Of greater concern though, is the fact that the safety of children is potentially put at risk at the start and end of the day every school day as these car parks get very busy. Please be aware that the businesses do operate CCTV.

Finally, please can you impress upon your child the importance of using good road safety awareness principles when making their way into and home from school.



# *Class of 2024: Year 11 leavers*







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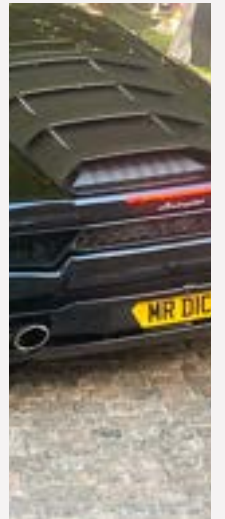
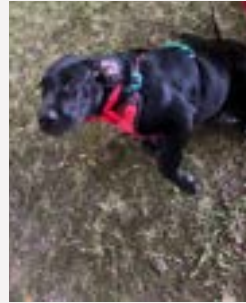




# Prom 24

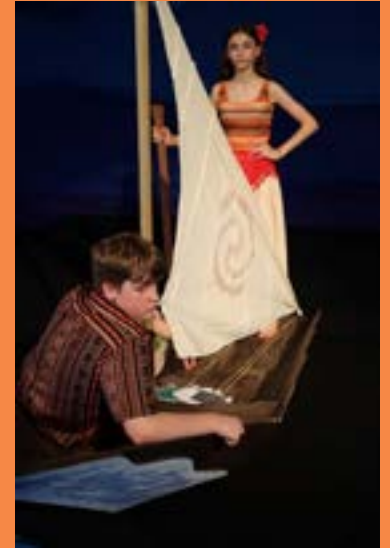






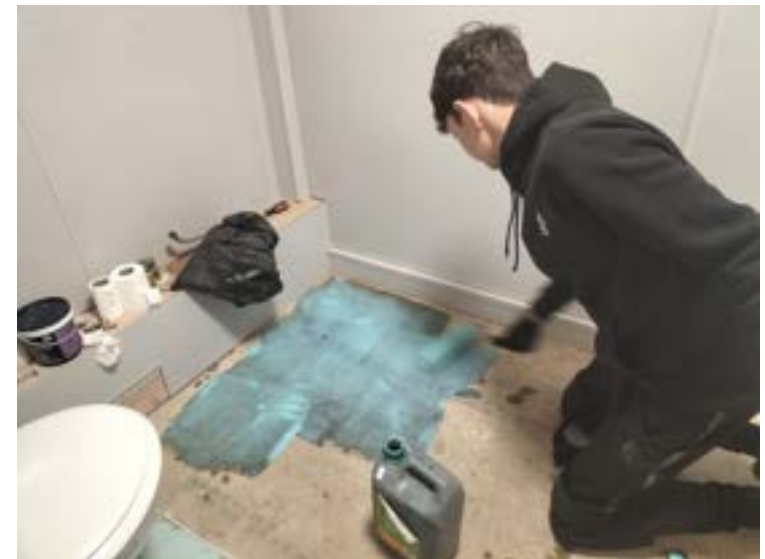


# Moana Jr.

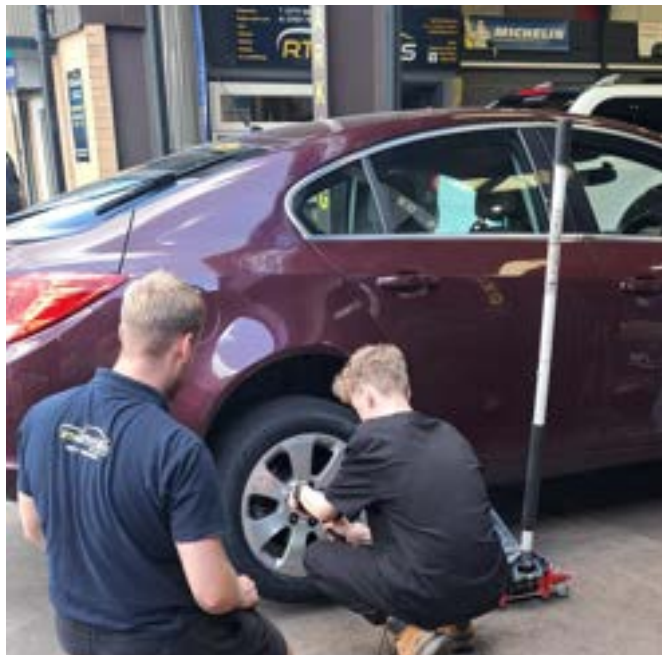




# *Year 10 Work Experience*











As many of our parents/carers know, we were absolutely thrilled to see our Year 10 and 12 students undertake a weeklong work experience during July this year. This was an exciting and rewarding experience for many of our students, who fully immersed themselves in the opportunity to get a real taste of a work environment related to their chosen career paths or aspirations.

Please take a look at what some of our students got up to - from flying planes, fixing cars and flooring, to primary schools, garden centres, cooking, gardening and much more! We are incredibly proud of all their achievements.

Equally as pleasing, are the strong relationships we have now forged with several fabulous businesses and organisations who hosted work placements. Several companies have been in touch to express how well behaved, kind, respectful and resilient our students are. Well done and thanks to everyone who made the weeks so special for our students.

Mrs Wilson, Headteacher from Mattersey Primary emailed 'we have hosted 3 of your students for work experience this week - Jessica Young, Jessica McDougall and Harry Hills and just wanted to write to tell you how impressed I have been. They have been polite, mature, hardworking and fully engaged with life in our small primary school. They really are a credit to your school. They have been an asset in the classrooms and had lots of complimentary feedback from staff. We would welcome them back anytime and thank them for all their hard work.'

# *FIA Girls On Track*

We are thrilled to announce that Maddison Smith, a Year 12 student, was recently selected to participate in the prestigious FIA Girls On Track initiative in London. This program was designed to inspire and support young women who aspire to build a career in motorsport, an industry traditionally dominated by men.

The FIA Girls On Track initiative offered a unique platform for girls aged 8-18 to engage with various aspects of motorsport. Participants were given the opportunity to explore different career paths within the industry, from engineering and mechanics to marketing and management. The program also focused on building essential skills such as teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving.

Maddison's selection for this initiative was a testament to her passion for motorsport and her determination to break barriers. This opportunity not only allowed her to expand her knowledge and skills but also to connect with like-minded peers and mentors who could guide her journey.





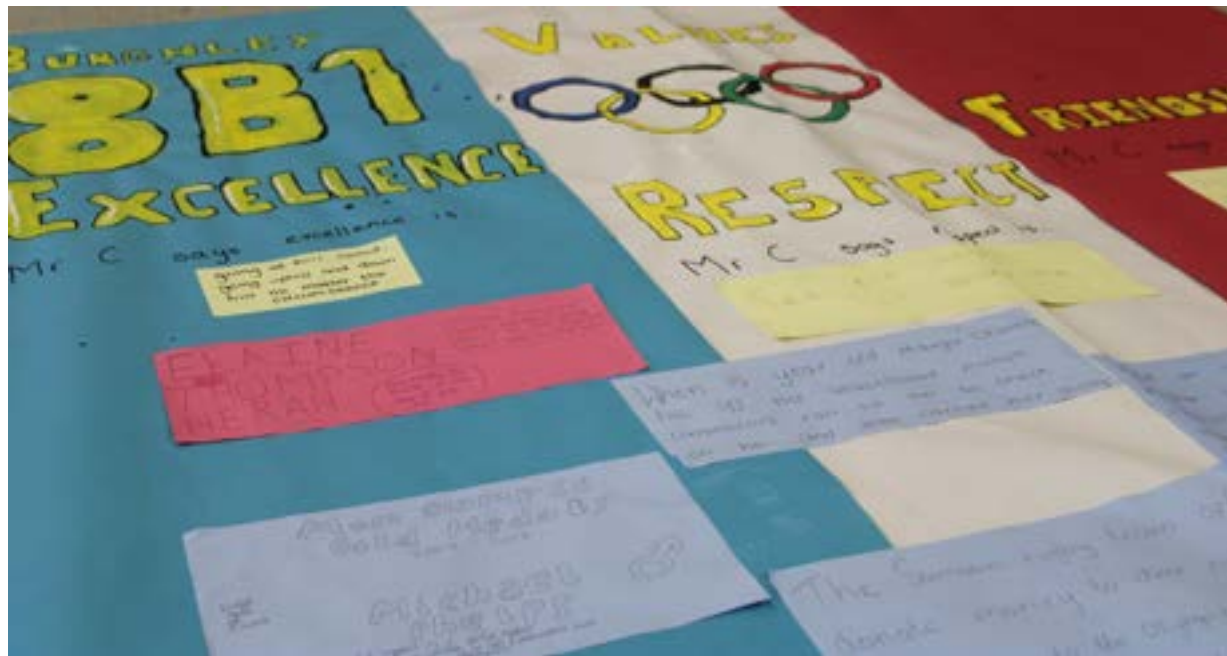
# *Sports Day 2024*











































# 2024 EA Winners...



...Shakespeare!





# *Activity Days 2024*

## *Yorkshire Wildlife Park*



## *Sister Act*





# *Year 10 mock results day*

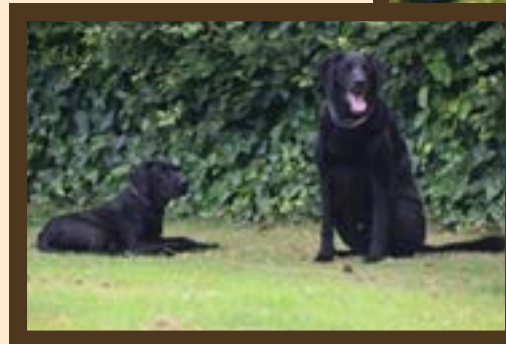
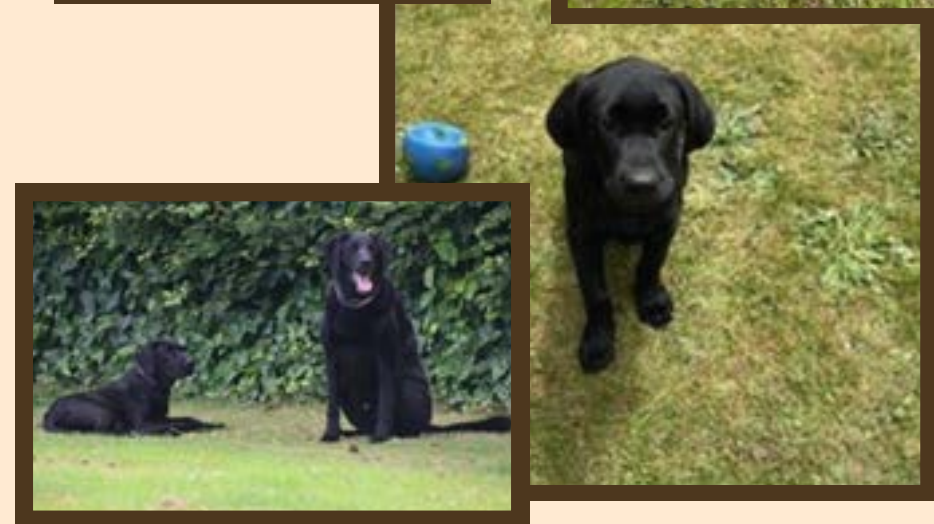
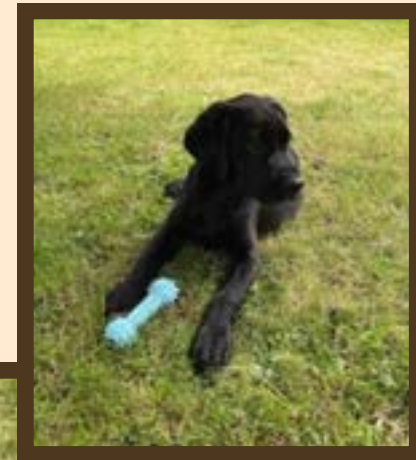
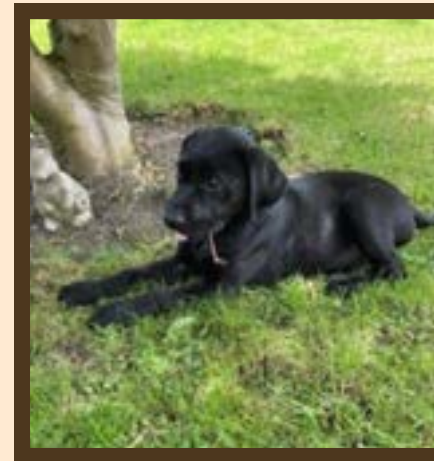


# Meet... Bertie!



We have all benefited from having Dylan in school, and we are going to miss him as he retires this year with Mrs Horrocks (of course we are going to miss her too!). We need to continue his important work in enhancing our wellbeing, so Miss Clark would like to introduce you to Bertie, Dylan's successor. He is a black Labrador Retriever. A lot of you may have already met him!

We are grateful to Dylan who has served the school well for the last 8 years and wish him well as he retires with Mrs Horrocks. Dylan has been showing Bertie the ropes over the last few weeks so his invaluable contributions to school life may continue. Please email [office@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk) if your child has any allergies or phobias around dogs so this can be added into the risk assessment.





# Head Girls



## *Satya Tennela*

“I am proud to be one of your new head girls. I am excited to be working alongside the student leadership team in the next academic year and hearing what students have to say about issues that concern them. I hope you all have a lovely summer and I look forward to seeing you in September!”



## *Florence Boland*

“I am so proud to be your head girl for next year. I promise that as head girl I will support students and ensure there is a clear stream of communication between students and staff. Thank you so much!”



# *& Deputy Head Boys*



*William Monks*



*Joseph Cowan*





# *Elizabethan Magazine*



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# *A message from Rotary Swimathon*

The final total raised was just over £17,000. Sixty percent has been distributed to the participants and their chosen charities. The Rotary Club of Retford has awarded cheques for £3900 to Guide Dogs and the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance.

“The Rotary Club of Retford is delighted to be able to support these worthwhile causes, and it is wholly due to your support and hard work producing teams for our Charity Swimathon. It is heartening that the community we serve is willing to support so many good causes.

We look forward to another enjoyable event next year on, Saturday 15th March 2025, and hope to see you all again.”



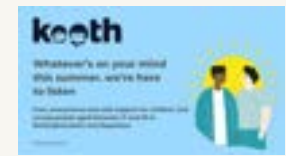


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# Safeguarding *Matters*



Kooth Digital Health [KOOOTH.com](https://www.kooth.com) appreciate there will be some young people who may struggle during the holidays without access to our daily pastoral support, trusted adults and friends that our school community provides. With this in mind, we are endorsing the wellbeing support, resources and information Kooth has available over the summer holidays.

The registration process is quick, anonymous and safe. Using non-identifiable information, Children and Young People can access support, simply by registering at [www.kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com).

With no thresholds, waiting lists or referrals required, young people can access support for ANY issues they may be experiencing. These may include body image, self-esteem, bereavement, academic pressures, anger, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, self-harm, friendships, sexuality, transition from primary to secondary school etc.

Kooth's BACP (British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy) qualified therapists are online 365 days a year ... Monday to Friday, from midday until 10pm and on weekends, 6pm until 10pm. Users can also message the team 24 hours a day and receive a next day response.

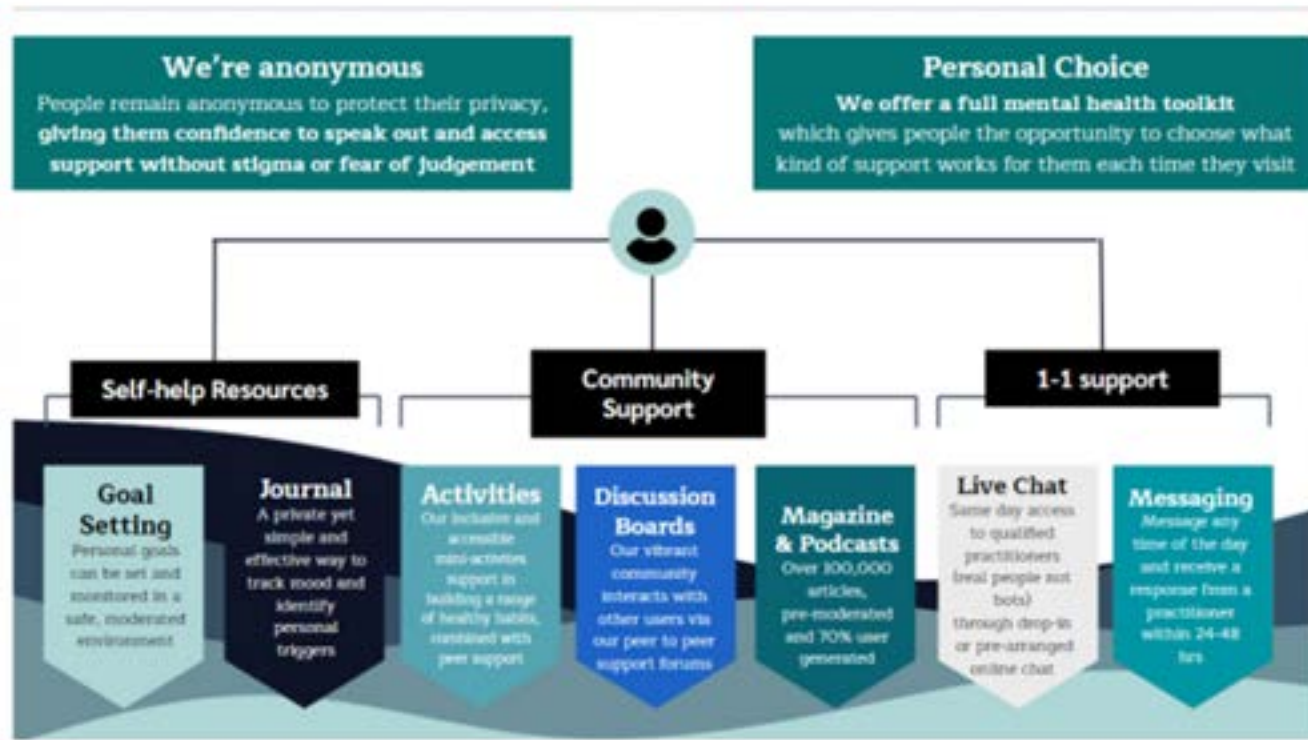
Young people can access fully-moderated support forums, self-help tools, and online magazine articles (written by their professional team and other users across the UK) covering topics ranging from health and wellbeing, sport, technology, fashion etc. alongside social, emotional and wellbeing support. Everything on [www.Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) is pre-moderated before going 'live' on the site, allowing for young people to offer and receive peer support in a safe and secure online environment.

Kooth delivers 1000s of online wellbeing sessions each year in Local Authorities across the UK. As 50% of referrals to CAMHS are unfortunately deemed inappropriate to their criteria, Kooth gives schools, professionals and families an alternative way of ensuring children and young people can access free support when they need it, in a way that they find comfortable to access, via any web-enabled devices.

Please find a selection of Parent/Carer resources that can be accessed using this link: [Parents/Carers resources](#) and if you have any questions or would like to discuss what [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) can offer, please, simply email [parents@kooth.com](mailto:parents@kooth.com).



At Kooth, young people can access a range of support options:



Kooth is running a Summer Campaign #GoSomewhereGood

During the holidays, our young people may have more time on their hands, and for many that can mean more time spent online or on social media, which can have a negative impact on their mental and emotional well-being. So, Kooth are on a mission to inspire young people to break free from the endless scroll and encourage them to #GoSomewhereGood this summer. This campaign aims to promote positive activities and 'good places to go' instead. They've spoken to hundreds of young people and got their ideas for simple things to do that make them feel good and got some fab ideas! And, to make it even better, for 50 days straight, they're giving away prizes like custom-designed skateboards, brand new 'Bog Man' apparel, 'So Good' merchandise, and vouchers!

They have recorded a summer assembly to give young people a quick overview of Kooth and their summer campaign, and to remind them that they can log on and receive support throughout the summer holidays. You can access this video [HERE](#).

## What Parents Need to Know about Sharing Intimate Images...

The sharing of intimate images online can be a dangerous avenue through which abusers seek to exploit children and young people, forcibly exposing them to explicit material, coercing them into sharing self-generated intimate images, and extorting them with the threat of sharing such images more widely. From reputational impact to potential blackmail or emotional distress, and even legal consequences, exposure to this harmful behaviour can have a severe impact.

It's important to remember that the creation and distribution of explicit material featuring under-18s – even by the child themselves – is illegal under UK law. The National College #WakeUpWednesday guide looks at the serious concerns associated with this behaviour, and lets parents and educators know how best to address these issues and protect young people.

**What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHARING INTIMATE IMAGES**

An intimate image depicts sensitive – often sexual – content, and sharing these photos or videos is commonly known as ‘sexting’. As of January 2024, it is a criminal offence to distribute any intimate images shared by a third party without consent, with offenders facing prison time. Naturally, misuse of intimate images can lead to emotional distress and reputational damage.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**  
Victims of the misuse of intimate images and so-called ‘sexting’ (distributed intimate sexual material) often experience significant emotional distress. The threat of having these photos or videos shared publicly can lead to anxiety, depression and a sense of helplessness. This can impact school and social life, as well as academic performance and personal relationships.
- DAMAGE TO REPUTATION**  
Intimate images being made public can severely damage a person's reputation. This can result in bullying, social exclusion and long-term impacts on personal and professional relationships. If a blackmailer gets their hands on any intimate images, the fear of reputational damage is often used as a weapon for more vulnerable to ongoing extortion.
- PRIVACY VIOLATIONS**  
Once intimate images are shared online, it can be difficult to quickly remove them, even if you ask who else has them. This loss of privacy can have lasting repercussions, including identity theft and potential online harassment.
- FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION**  
Perpetrators of extortion may demand money from victims under the threat of releasing their intimate images publicly. This can lead to severe financial problems for victims and their families, compromising their emotional and psychological health.
- LEGAL CONSEQUENCES**  
If a child or young person creates, sends or sends intimate images to others – especially online – this is considered a form of child abuse under UK law. Having to disclose this type of abuse, although necessary, can be humiliating, leading to further trauma. If a convicted perpetrator is not adequately monitored, victims will continue to be at risk of further abuse and will be unable to provide proper guidance and support.
- TRUST ISSUES**  
Sharing of intimate images without consent can lead to long-term trust issues, impacting future relationships and their ability to form healthy, supportive connections. The erosion of trust can have profound effects on mental health and overall wellbeing.

**Advice for Parents & Educators**

- FOSTER A CULTURE OF OPEN COMMUNICATION**  
It's critical to encourage open communication with children and young people about the dangers of sharing intimate images. Create a safe space where they feel comfortable discussing their online activities and any concerns they may have without fear of judgement. Be sure to respond to any worrying information with an attitude of support and listening.
- PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY**  
Digital literacy is increasingly important for children and young people to understand how to protect their privacy online. Teach them about secure online practices, such as using strong passwords, avoiding phishing attempts and recognising suspicious behaviour. This empowers them to be proactive in terms of their own safety.
- EDUCATE CHILDREN ON THE RISKS**  
Children and young people often want to understand why certain rules are in place. Educate them about the risks of sharing intimate images online, explaining the reasons for monitoring and other security measures. Highlight the potential for blackmail, including extortion, and the long-term consequences that can arise from these actions.
- PROVIDE SUPPORT RESOURCES**  
Ensure that children and young people know where to seek help if they become victims of extortion or any other online abuse. Help them identify in advance which adults they can turn to and provide them with information about local resources like helplines (e.g. Childline) that they can access if they need help.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Stefania Russi is a safeguarding and neurodiversity consultant with over 20 years' experience working with children, families and adults in education, local authority and mental health settings in the UK and abroad.

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Source: See full reference list on guide page on what parents need to know about sharing intimate images.

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If you are concerned about your child’s safety and wellbeing you can access the parent/carer section on the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership for advice and guidance [HERE](#).

You can also contact a member of the safeguarding team in school via [safeguarding@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk)

Bassetlaw Summer Holiday Activities brochure can be accessed via the following link ... lots on offer  
<https://cdnc.heyzine.com/flip-book/pdf/574041c140b0fb57bb4047229dea375480bcl6cc-12.pdf>