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Dear Parents and Carers

It is very important that we try to keep our students as safe as possible. With this in mind we thought it was important that we shared some information with you. It has come to our attention that a majority of students in key stage 3 (year 7, 8 and 9) have TikTok accounts. Many of these students have multiple accounts and these are largely false or fake names. Sadly, a huge number of these accounts are being used to create nasty, inappropriate, rude or disrespectful content about other students and staff at St Benedict's.

Some examples include: -

- Naming 2 students and asking others to vote who would win in a fight
- Naming staff and being derogatory about their teaching or in some cases their private lives.
- Saying derogatory things about students and asking students to guess who they are referring to, these accounts are often named 'St Benedict's guess who'

We have directly informed some parents about this, however we believe so many pupils are creating or following these accounts that we cannot contact individually

Therefore, we have created a guide for parents that should allow you to check your child's account or accounts and check the content they are posting. Please take some time to do this, We would appreciate you discussing with your child the importance of keeping their TikTok accounts both respectful and in some cases within the law. We hope you find this information useful in ensuring your child and other people are as safe as they can be on social media.

Secondly, we are aware that a number of pupils have managed to acquire vapes. We have been informed that pupils often hide these in school bags or blazers as they believe parents and other adults wont check. If you think your child may have a vape, please check and remind them that vapes come under the same law as smoking, You must be over the age of 18 to purchase such products.

We have always been very grateful that we are able to work closely with parents for the safety of all our children. This is another example of us working together to keep all our children safe.

Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully

Emma Jackson
Head Teacher

