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## Online Safety Week at Helsby High School

During Online Safety Week 2018, Drama students from Years 8 to 13 performed in assemblies to all year groups. The actors chose their stories from research they had completed and found real life stories that, due to issues surrounding Online Safety, ended tragically. The students performed these stories as if they were the person these stories were about, and the effect was powerful and thought provoking. I feel proud that our school is tackling the issue of keeping safe online in a new and interesting way. When back in form we were asked to discuss four questions:

- How can we create more positive connections online?
- How can we show and share respect online?
- How would it feel to receive a hurtful/nasty message online?
- How would it feel to receive a positive/kind message online?

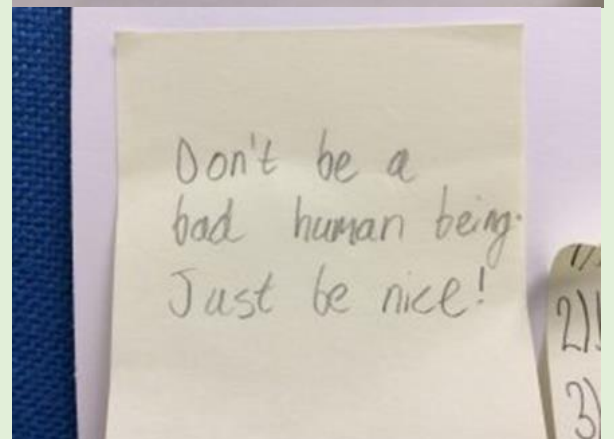
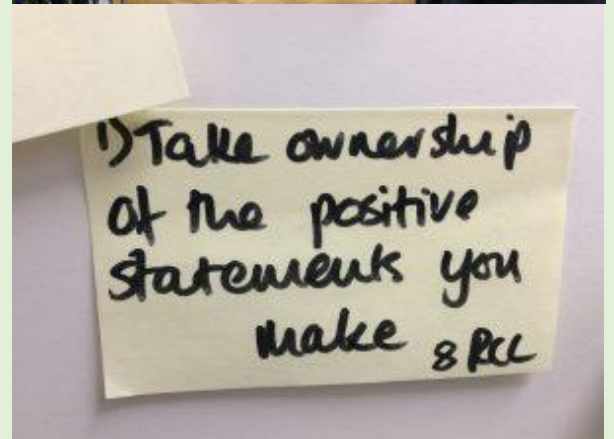
Each form was asked to put an answer together for each of these questions and then add to our Online Safety Thought Board.

For further support on how to stay safe online:

- <https://www.getsafeonline.org/>
- <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
- <https://www.childline.org.uk>

The UK Safer Internet Centre have produced some really useful leaflets for young people:

- [Twitter](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Snapchat](#)



## Drama Showcase

The Drama Showcase was again a great success and students from Years 7-13 performed, sang and danced to entertain our supportive audience. The showcase gave a platform to young writers as well as performers and many of the pieces explored the theme of mental health and how young people can learn to deal effectively with the pressures on their mental health.

Actors from year 12 and 13 shared their work with younger pupils and forged positive relationships which inspired these younger actors to be the best that they could be. We are very proud of all the performers and would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication. We would also like to thank the Year 11 prefects for organising the refreshments and all our supportive families and friends for attending this successful event.



## Year 5 High School Taster Days

We delivered a series of taster lessons to ninety Year 5 students from eleven different Primary Schools. Each Taster Day was supported by our Year 7 Buddy Team. The team delivered their own question and answer session with Year 5 after lunchtime. Year 7 shared with Year 5 their own experiences of transition and answered questions that Year 5 had about life at Secondary School. We have been inundated with such positive feedback from parents, students and primary schools, these include:

**Year 5 Student**, "I really don't want to leave today, I was really worried and now I am looking forward to coming back. I have had so much fun!"

**Year 5 Parent**, "My daughter really enjoyed the day, she can't stop talking about how grown up she feels and how amazing the lessons were."



### School Calendar

- ☆ **8<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening
- ☆ **9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March** - GCSE Drama London Trip
- ☆ **13<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 11 and 13 Group Photographs
- ☆ **14<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 7 Mosque Trip to Liverpool
- ☆ **14<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 8 Cheshire School Indoor Athletic Games
- ☆ **15<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening
- ☆ **19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March** - Holocaust 'No Child's Play' Exhibition in A13

- ☆ **21<sup>st</sup> March** - Year 11 Theatre Trip Blood Brothers
- ☆ **22<sup>nd</sup> March** - Year 9 STEM Trip to Unilever
- ☆ **22<sup>nd</sup> March** - Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening
- ☆ **29<sup>th</sup> March** - Own Clothes Day raising money for 'Colours for Peace'

### British Values:

### Thought for the Month

**'People in the public eye should set a good example'**