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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11: Misuse of Social Media

It has been reported that there are an increasing number of concerns arising from social media, largely - Snapchat. A number of Year 11 students are using this platform to demonstrate unkind and disrespectful behaviours, with some of these messages displaying bullying behaviour.

We ask that all parents/carers are monitoring their child's use of social media, and are particularly aware of:

- What platforms they are using
- Their child's account's security permissions: highest levels should be in place
- Their child's contacts, whether these people are known to them, or not
- Their child's activity: comments posted, received, shared

There are many guides online advising parents on how to stop their child being added to unwanted groups, raising their security settings and blocking unwanted or unknown contact. Some examples can be found here: [How to stop people adding you to groups on Snapchat](#) and attached.

All students - if actively using an account - should be using social media platforms responsibly. Any comments or behaviours shared with the school which affect the running of the school day, the wellbeing of another student and/or the safety of another student will be sanctioned using the school's behaviour policy. We also encourage, if you see these behaviours, to report them to the Police and platform itself.

Thank you for your support in advance. Should you have any concerns, please raise these with your child's Form Tutor via the Main Office: meroffice@maidenerleghtrust.org.

Yours sincerely,

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