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It's time to enrol! We're looking forward to seeing all of those familiar faces and meeting the new ones who have chosen to study with us this year.

This is going to be a relatively short edition of my update, but my colleague Jatinder does have some important safeguarding messages about understanding and managing the risks of young people's digital interactions.

Don't forget to follow our [WhatsApp channel](#) to stay connected and up-to-date with instant access to important announcements, reminders, and highlights from our college community.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.



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Deputy Principal

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Enrolment

Enrolment starts next week (Thursday 29 / Friday 30 August) and full instructions are available on our website at newbury-college.ac.uk/join

If a student doesn't meet the entry requirements for their chosen programme, our team of curriculum specialists and student support staff will be available to ensure that we get them on to the right course. So please do not worry.

Safeguarding Update - Dangers of the digital world.

Welcome to the new term. Many of you are new parents and carers at Newbury College, while others are returning parents. As we begin the new term, I would like to share some important messages to ensure that you can support your young person and keep them safe both in person and online. We integrate technology into daily college life when it is suitable to support teaching and learning, and to help prepare the young people in our care for their future lives in the digital world.

We take every reasonable precaution to keep students safe and prevent them from accessing inappropriate materials. This includes implementing behaviour policies and agreements, monitoring both physically and technically, providing education and support, and using web filtering processes. We encourage safe navigation, teach how to manage risk online, and emphasise the importance of reporting concerns. We remind our students to maintain safe behaviour whether they are at college, using their own device, or on a home network.

We also seek the support of parents and carers in reinforcing this message and helping young people behave safely online.

"Treat yourself and others with respect at all times; treat people in the same way when you are online or on a device as you would face to face."

We expect our students to model behaviours they will encounter in the workplace and to behave in a calm and orderly manner on college sites and in the community. We have supportive wellbeing, safeguarding and behaviours staff that are here to help. Attending lessons is important to us- and we will involve you if your child/young person is not attending appropriately. When things go wrong, we support and advocate in a fair and transparent way and robustly follow a Behaviours Policy to keep everyone safe. As parents / carers please speak to talk to us if you have any concerns.

We would welcome your support to promote positive online safety and model safe, responsible and positive behaviours in the use of technology, including on social media: not sharing other's images or details without permission and refraining



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from posting negative, threatening or violent comments about others.

Please engage with your child/young person to grow up safe online. You may find the information helpful from parentsafe.lgfl.net for advice and support on safe settings, parental controls, apps and games, talking to them about life online, screentime and relevant topics from bullying to accessing pornography, extremism and gangs, sharing inappropriate/fake content and more.

There are some excellent resources [here](#) to help you understand and set appropriate controls on everything from Whatsapp to Instagram!

A few tips you can actively help your child/young person with here [supportiveconversations-SSZM.pdf \(oursaferschools.co.uk\)](#). This [video](#) has some helpful guidance to engage with your young person

You may wish to consider a [Digital Family Agreement](#) can help you to agree on shared expectations around time spent on devices, and ground rules like no phones at the table or in the bedroom.

We sometimes do things such as uploading our child's success onto social media, which is all great but please think sharing images of other students on social media (without consent) and understand that there may be cultural or legal reasons why this would be inappropriate or even dangerous.

Please can you kindly refrain calling your child on their mobile phones during the college day; urgent messages can be passed via the main college number.

You can read Newbury College's approach to online safety and links to other relevant policies including our Safeguarding and Policy, and Behaviour Policy at newbury-college.ac.uk/safe

