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Dear Parents,

Internet Access for Pupils

As part of the School's ICT programme pupils have access to the internet. The School provides a filtered service for the boys but we are required to obtain permission from you to allow your son to use this facility.

Various projects have proven the educational benefits of internet access, which will enable pupils to explore thousands of libraries, databases and bulletin boards. Although internet use is supervised in lessons, families should be aware that some pupils may find ways to access material which is inaccurate, defamatory, illegal or potentially offensive to some people.

We believe that the benefits to pupils from access to the internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. However, as with any other area, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. The School therefore supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access. Please be aware that use of the internet during lessons is often an integral part of the learning process. Furthermore, teachers will often share resources on Office365 Teams, and also set homework on the same platform.

During school, teachers will guide pupils towards appropriate material. Outside school, families bear the same responsibilities for guidance as they exercise with other information sources such as television, telephones, films and radio.

Please find enclosed the RGS Acceptable Use of ICT Policy (Students) which I would ask you and your son to read. In September your son will be asked to sign an electronic version of this policy.

Yours faithfully

Steve Noyes

Director of Sixth Form