

Dear Parent/Carer,

Breck's Last Game

You may have heard about this short video that is being shown in schools across four counties. The film highlights the dangers of internet use in relation to online grooming. In a world which is becoming increasingly technological and where there is easy access to the internet for young people, including social media, it is necessary to educate young people about how to keep safe. The students in Year 9, 10 and 11 have previously watched Kayleigh's Love Story where the film focused on a young girl who tragically lost her life due to online grooming. Whilst the boys understood the dangers and found it concerning, some of them did not directly relate to the events.

In 2017 we presented work during Enterprise Week in relation to Breck Bednar who was groomed by an 18 year old during online gaming. We now have the opportunity to consolidate on the work undertaken previously and again look at the story of Breck; looking at the contributing factors, how someone can spot the signs of grooming and avoid being groomed or how they can help others to do so. It follows a structured lesson plan where issues can be discussed in a safe environment and where the boys can learn to question the world around them. Breck's mother is championing this as she does not want Breck's untimely death to be in vain.

Support for any students who might be affected is in place and they should speak to someone in school; Mr Kneeshaw, Mr Armstrong, Mrs Greenaway, the Additional Intervention Team, their Form Tutor or Year Team Leader or any member of staff they trust.

If the full version was to be shown in a cinema it would be rated 15. However, because it is part of a structured approach to creating greater safety online where students will be able to discuss any issues it has been taken into schools for pupils from Year 7 upwards. Year 7, 9, 10 and 11 have already watched this during Enterprise Week and we are now offering Year 8 the opportunity to watch this so we are providing a link so that you can watch the trailer and the accompanying PPT and so that you can talk to your son about what they have watched. Year 8 are watching a slightly edited version to take into account their age.

The slip only needs to be returned if you do not want your son to participate in this online safety session. If you do want your son to watch but feel that he may be distressed by this as he has either in the past or is currently involved in a grooming situation, please let Mrs Greenaway know so that we can make teachers aware and be sensitive to this. Please tell him where he can access support.

There is the link to the website. <http://bit.ly/BrecksLG>

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I/We do not wish Name: _____ Form: _____

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