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Dear Year 8-12 Parent/Guardian

In this ever-evolving digital age, it has become increasingly important for our children to be well-versed in the ways of the online world. As technology continues to shape our lives, it is essential for us to equip our young learners with the knowledge and skills to navigate this digital landscape safely and responsibly.

We believe that digital awareness is not just about understanding how to use various devices and applications, but also about recognising the potential risks and ethical considerations that come with them. From cyberbullying and online privacy to discerning reliable sources of information, these are the crucial conversations we must have with our children.

At Newtownhamilton High School, we are committed to providing a comprehensive digital education that encompasses these aspects.

We are pleased to inform you that **Thrive Academy, a renowned organisation dedicated to promoting digital awareness, will be visiting our school to deliver their engaging and informative workshops to all pupils on Wednesday 23 October 2024.**

These sessions aim to empower our pupils with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly.

We would encourage you to talk to your children about what they learn during the session and continue these important conversations at home. Some ideas to discuss which will help foster digital awareness are:

1. ****Discuss Online Safety**** - Have open conversations about the importance of protecting personal information and the dangers of sharing too much online.
2. ****Set Boundaries**** - Establish clear guidelines for screen time and online activities to ensure a healthy balance between digital and offline life.
3. ****Promote Critical Thinking**** - Encourage your children to question the content they encounter online and differentiate between reliable and unreliable sources.
4. ****Model Good Behaviour**** - Demonstrate responsible online behaviour in your own digital interactions. Children often mimic the actions of adults around them.

By working together, we can ensure that our children are well-prepared for the challenges and opportunities of the digital age. Thank you for your continued support in this important endeavour.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Lavery

Head of Personal Development