

Friday 19th March 2021

Please click the link for the weekly video message from our Principal - <https://youtu.be/78B0imPbdX0>

Dear Families,

It has been a busy and eventful week at Logic and Year 11 and 13 have been working hard to complete coursework for their Centre Assessed Grades. We know there is a lot of pressure on these students and we are trying to be as supportive as we can at the end of this very tough year.

The Easter holidays are already upon us and there is definitely light at the end of the lockdown tunnel. By the time we return to school, the shops should be open and we should be able to socialise more freely outdoors.

### **Testing**

Students will receive a second box of home tests before they leave for the holidays. They do not need to test over the holidays but will need to test on Sunday 11th April, before returning to school on Monday 12th April.

### **Logging results**

- Year 12 and 13 students need to use the link sent to their school email.
- Year 10 and 11 students need to use the link sent to parent email addresses.

In both cases, emails need to be opened and the link used straight away or the link will expire. More than ever, it is vital we have the right email address on the school system.

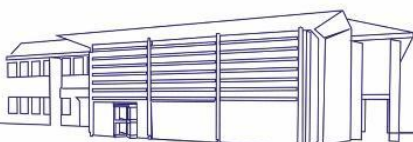
### **Uniform**

Please can you ensure that Year 10 / 11 students are wearing school shoes (not trainers) and blue (not black) trousers after Easter. The 6th Form uniform policy remains the same and students need to ensure they are following this.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Have a lovely weekend!

Victoria Griffin  
Acting Principal



## Collect your family's Covid-19 rapid test pack

As part of the roadmap out of lockdown, parents/guardians of school aged children can now collect a FREE pack of Rapid Tests (also known as Lateral Flow Tests) so that they can test themselves twice-weekly at home.

People in childcare bubbles or support bubbles with families that have school aged children are also eligible to receive the packs and are also being encouraged to test themselves twice a week.

Rapid Test packs are available to collect from the following collection sites in Hounslow:

- Padstow Walk car park, Feltham TW14 9XU
- Brabazon Road Sports Courts, Heston TW5 9LT
- Stamford Brook car park, Chiswick W4 1NH

Collection sites are open between 1.00pm-8.00pm, seven days a week. No need to book. To collect your family's pack, you must be over 18 years old and NOT have COVID-19 symptoms. Please walk to the collection sites if you can, as parking is very limited at the sites and nearby. For additional collection site locations and opening times visit:

<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/findatestcenter.html>

## Did you know...?

- You can also access Rapid Tests via your employer if they are offering testing to employees
- If you cannot get tested at your workplace or are unable to go to a collection site, you can order a home test kit online: [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)
- You should report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test. [Report your test result online](#) or by calling 119.
- If you are unsure about doing your test at home, you can visit one of [Hounslow's community rapid test sites](#) and do a test there. **Note** you cannot collect home test kits from here.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Secondary school and college students will be receiving their test kits from school/college. Children of primary school age (and below) are not being asked to take a test.

## What is CSE?

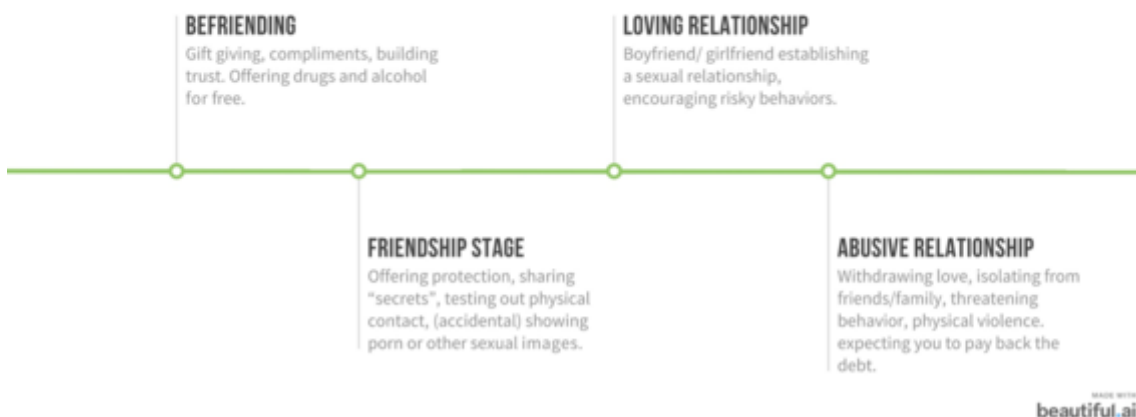
Child Sexual Exploitation is when a child is tricked into performing sexual acts, usually this happens after being groomed into a 'normal' relationship. Above all else, Child Sexual Exploitation is Child Sexual Abuse. It can happen to both boys and girls. At the start, the young person may think they're in a loving consensual relationship, because they get gifts, money, status, affection. Alcohol, drugs and even food can be used to develop relationships. In reality, they are being groomed. Having gained the child's trust, abusers can control them through threats and violence. They may force them to have sex with other people and even make them groom other young people for sex. CSE can be the sharing of images, which can be passed on or used to blackmail. Promising sexual favours to others, being trafficked into paid sexual activity and even the manipulation of children into sexual activity with an adult. Sexual exploitation can be overlapped with criminal exploitation, with victims being used for drug deals.

Each year, thousands of young people are abused and groomed into performing sexual acts. This can range from performing individual sexual acts with a single person and/or their friends to sending nude and other images of themselves. Some are tricked into thinking they're in a 'normal', loving relationship, then can be threatened, exploited and in the worst cases passed around to strangers. This needs to stop.

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## THE GROOMING LINE

How does exploitation happen?



## How Does Grooming Happen?

Grooming can happen in online spaces as well as in person, by a stranger or someone known. It involves the offender building a relationship with a child, and sometimes with their wider family, gaining their trust and a position of power over the child, in preparation for abuse. The process of grooming can take place in a matter of minutes, over one conversation, or over long periods of time, in some cases, years.

Sexual grooming refers to grooming where the offender aims to sexually abuse the child.

The aim of sexual grooming is to abuse or exploit in two ways:

- Online sexual abuse. Children and young people being tricked or coerced into sexual activity over chat, video, or photos.
- A physical meeting. Persuading children and young people to meet them face to face in order to abuse them.

Grooming is also used by offenders with the aim of other forms of abuse, such as criminal exploitation or trafficking children. In all cases of grooming, it is never the child or young person's fault.

## Top Tips for Keeping Young People Safe in relation to CSE

### 5 Top Tips for Parents:

1. Check the Privacy Settings on ALL your child's devices.
2. Communicate openly with your children about who they are meeting on and offline.
3. Talk with other parents, set up a WhatsApp group between the parents of your child's friends.
4. Do your own research on keeping safe online and familiarise yourself with different social media apps. If in doubt, ask for help!
5. Agree times for your child to be home from school and make sure their phone is charged at the start of each day.

### 5 Top Tips for Young People:

1. Always tell someone you trust where you are going and what time you will be back.
2. Don't engage in conversation with someone you don't know, who is older than you or who gives you a bad feeling – Ask yourself 'Am I in a safe situation?'
3. Always make sure your phone is charged.
4. Make sure you have enough money and/or an oyster card to get home.
5. Don't share any personal details online with people you don't know – including:
  - Addresses, anything that could identify you or where you live – don't send photos showing your school / uniform / buses you take etc.
  - Any images of yourself and/or others – do not send sexualised images to anyone, as they could be shared without your consent, even if you trust the person you are sending them to.
  - Anything which advertises your possessions or suggests you might have the latest technology or gadgets.

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