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Social Media – Challenges for Parents Talk

Dundalk Grammar School

Thursday 4th May at 7.00 p.m.

Library Harper Building

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Our young people live in a world where access and use of the internet is the norm, and for some, controls much of their free time. The smartphone has become the must-have accessory and many students have an on-line presence on a range of social media platforms.

Of course cyber space and being on-line does not come without its risks and potential dangers. We hear so many stories and documented facts about cyberbullying, hacking and breaches in on-line safety. Various social media pressure groups can take advantage of vulnerable young people. An example of this, recently highlighted by the media, concerned the use of a **“Blue Whale Challenge”** game which encouraged users to engage in a range of inappropriate and potentially harmful behaviours.

As parents we struggle to keep pace with the constant advances in technology, while at the same time attempting to limit the time spent by our children and ultimately protect them when they are on-line.

Dundalk Grammar School PTA is delighted to present Dr. Maureen Griffin, Forensic Psychologist, and leading expert in the field of cyber safety. Dr. Griffin will address a range of issues in her talk from on-line safety and gaming to cyberbullying. She comes armed with lots of practical tips and advice for parents and their families.

Everyone is most welcome to attend this talk which will take place at the school on Thursday 4th May at 7.00 p.m., Library Harper Building.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Graham
Headmaster

Alan Norton
Guidance Counsellor