STUDENT ADVICE SHEET

FURTHER INFORMATION & SUPPORT

If you think you or someone you know may have been a victim of a cyber crime, please report it to Action Fraud. Their number is 0300 123 2040. If you or somebody else is in immediate danger, please call 999.

Search for: Action Fraud

To report suspicious emails, simply forward them to report@phishing.gov.uk. To report suspicious texts, contact 7726. For more advice on reporting, visit the National Crime Agency website.

Search for: National Crime Agency cyber crime

The National Crime Agency also runs The Cyber Choices programme, which aims to help people use their cyber skills in a legal way and be fully informed about the choices they are making. The programme webpage has information for young people, including videos and an introduction to the Computer Misuse Act 1990.

Search for: NCA Cyber Choices programme

For Little Guides on the big issues surrounding cyber crime, check out the Metropolitan Police's website. They have advice on a range of cyber-related issues, such as payment scams, phishing, and impersonation fraud.

Search for: Met Police Little Guides cyber crime

The UK Safer Internet Centre has a range of activities to help you boost your cyber security. These include games, films & quizzes.

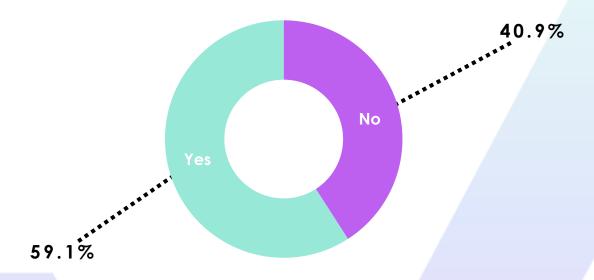
Search for: UK Safer Internet Centre 11-19 resources

Please Note: If you have any concerns, please speak to a trusted adult, such as a teacher or caregiver.

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YOUR LATEST RESULTS

Would you like to see more wildlife brought into your built-up area?



This VoteTopic received 52,658 total votes.

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTIONS

Do we take cyber crime seriously?

- Which information do you need to keep private?
- What kind of online scams do you already know about?
- How can people protect themselves from online scams?

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

- "Buying directly from reputable, authorised platforms is the only way to guarantee you're paying for a genuine ticket." - Liz Ziegler, Fraud Prevention Director at Lloyds Bank.
- "We cannot simply trust that technology will be safe.
 And in some cases, cyber criminals are taking
 advantage of weaknesses." Lindy Cameron, CEO of
 National Cyber Security Centre.

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A CLOSER LOOK: BIOMETRICS



Online scams are making the headlines a lot at the moment and everyone is thinking about how to protect their personal information and their passwords. Is biometric technology the way to keep your information secure?

So what is biometric technology? Biometric information is data that is found on every human's body. For example, every human fingerprint has a unique formation, while every human eye has a distinct individual pattern. Once this information has been taken directly from the original person, it can be used to check someone's identity using any technology with touch-screen sensors and cameras (such as smartphones).

Voice and face recognition technology is already being used in many major banks across the UK, although some people still choose to stick with traditional passwords.

YOUR COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- Find and copy a word that means "safe".
- What is biometric information?
- Which parts of our body have unique patterns?
- Which types of technology can use biometric information?
- Does everyone now use biometric information?

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THIS WEEK'S OTHER NEWS STORIES

Controvesial Rwanda Bill is passed

After a debate that lasted over 8 hours, MPs in Parliament voted 312 to 237 in favour of the Rwanda Bill. The Bill has been back and forth between the House of Commons and House of Lords, with changes being made each time.



A mammoth election

Between now and 1st June, 969 million people in India will go to the polls to vote. There are 2,600 different political parties, and voting machines are even transported on the backs of elephants to more remote areas!



NATURE reaches a global audience

NATURE - as in birdsong or ocean waves now has its own artist page on Spotify. Music by singers like David Bowie and Ellie Goulding, which feature NATURE, will raise money for conservation projects over the next four years.



Worming its way into our hearts

The humble earthworm has been named UK Invertebrate of the Year! 38% of those who voted in The Guardian's competition chose the lumbricus terrestris for the top spot - it managed to beat a rare species of bumblebee and the glowworm.



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