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### Notes from our Head of Care

So another term has begun in Residential and with it we have had new arrivals join us in the Residential houses. Henri, who we already knew from the school has joined us and is sharing the Bungalow with Lauren, and Sunny began their transition into the school and into House 4 during the middle of September, to join Fane and Benji. We would like to send out a huge welcome to them both. They now join Callum and Toby who started back in June /July term, Lauren, Fane, Benji, Ash, Ethan and Will who all reside in the Boarding service here at Gretton.

It has been great to catch up with everyone after the Summer holidays and it has been noticeable how so many of the young people have matured and progressed themselves further to what they have done previously.

This month Lauren, who had previously been learning to drive in Sixth form last term, took her theory test and although did not pass this time, she did incredibly well and should be really proud of her achievement in taking the test as we all can understand how anxious this can make someone.



Toby has been trying out different styles and textures of cooking and made chicken in a crispy coating as well as different kinds of mash potatoes. He really is Gretton's answer to Heston Blumenthal. Benji has made Banana loaf which he has shared around and I can honestly say it is very nice as I have had a couple of tasters! Sunny has also helped to prepare meals for their housemates in House 4. I think a huge mention should also go out to Ethan, who has usually stuck to a specific menu however he has come back with an adventurous palate and is trying different foods to what he is used to cooking with fresh ingredients and he is realising that he does like what he has tasted.



A number of the young people have ventured out in the evenings with Callum, Ash, Will and Ethan all going to Xtreme 360 trampoline park. Toby had a

journey into Cambridge with Nicole on the bus and went to the Smokeworks restaurant and Benji, Lauren and Henri went to Five Guys and Nandos.

Fane continues to try out various restaurants around Cambridge and Ely. Fane also journeyed out to Ely to Oliver Cromwell's house and to look around the Cathedral which he absolutely loved and is planning another visit out soon to local museums with Sue.

Some of our guys just enjoy chilling in the evening and like to spend time playing on their computers with their friends either from school or even those who have moved on from Gretton or friends they know from home. Another favourite pastime is Art and I really must say that if you are into Anime or Manga then ask Benji if he wouldn't mind showing you his drawings. They are absolutely fantastic and he is incredibly talented.

Finally, I would just like to thank some of the young people who have helped devise our children's guide. They have shown involvement in this by reading over the document and adding their opinions and views to this. It is fantastic that they want to be part of this as it is their home and their school during the week. It is also fantastic to hear that a number of our residents want to take part in more physical activities such as trampolining, rock climbing, running and badminton so watch this space for the next newsletter from residential as it could become a fitness special!



**Emma Nelson**  
**Head of Care**

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### **Monday 17th October - Friday 21st October**

Space Week!

### **Friday 21st October**

Halloween Treasure Hunt

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"Name the pumpkin" competition winner announced

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Students finish for half term

### **Friday 4th November**

Fireworks (Science displays) & snacks (hot choc/toffee apples)

Build your own 'Guy' Competition (further info to follow)

### **Thursday 8th December**

Christmas Jumper Day



Save the Children  
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

**JustGiving**

Christmas Jumper Day - click [the link](#) or scan the QR code to make your donation!

Suggested donation £2 or whatever you can spare which will go straight to the [Save the Children](#) charity.

***This year - the Government are doubling the donations! So for every £2 donated they will match it to turn your donation into £4!***





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*The nurse will be coming on the 15th december 2022 to give Year 9 second HPV and Year 8 First HPV. Letters will go out in the next couple of weeks with further information.*

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A big thank you to everyone who was able to come along this afternoon for our fundraiser and meet & greet. We hope you found it useful to meet with our SLT and Class Teams.

We look forward to future events we can invite you to and will update in next week's newsletter with the totals raised from today for Cancer Research UK from our learners' sponsored walks!

If you wanted to donate, the link is below;

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/gretton-school-3>

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**A note from Skyler**

I just wanted to say hello and give an update of my progress. I now have my own time table and enjoy sessions with the students.

As you can see I have grown in size and confidence!



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### **Brent & the butterflies**

Brent class took some caterpillars and cared for them until they had changed into butterflies before releasing them at Forest School.





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## Duxford Visit

Pilgrim Class went to Duxford on Wednesday as part of our WW2 topic and had the best time exploring all the planes, war stories and operation room.

They also got to board Concorde and learned lots about the RAF.

Mrs Broad said, *"All the students behaved impeccably and we were very proud."*











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## LAMDA Results

Huge Congratulations to Monte, Jared J, Freddie and Isaac L who received their latest LAMDA results last week.

We are hugely proud to let you know that they *all* received **DISTINCTIONS!**

Freddie and Isaac came away with a Grade 5 in Acting Distinction and Jared and Monte's Distinctions were for their Grade 3 in Acting.

Fabulous work thespians!

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**GRETTON SCHOOL NEEDS  
YOU - PARENTS**



**COME AND JOIN OUR  
ONLINE SAFETY GROUP**

Express your interest  
by emailing Clare  
Bailey on

**info@grettonschool.com**  
Titled 'Online Safety  
Group'

Meeting just once a term  
either in person or online  
to continue to support  
our young people to be  
safe online.



Worried about how to support a young person who has had a sexual image or video of themselves shared online? If they're under 18, they can visit [childline.org.uk/remove](https://childline.org.uk/remove) and use [#Childline](https://twitter.com/Childline) and Internet Watch Foundation's Report Remove tool to see if it can be taken down.

### Inspire Holiday Club

Inspire will be running another Holiday club during the October Half Term!

It will be running out of Gretton School Rectory Site 8:30-15:00.

To sign your child up use this link:

<https://forms.gle/q6fYqitnJVw4tC4E7>

Or email [inspireholidayclubs@gmail.com](mailto:inspireholidayclubs@gmail.com)

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Over the last couple of weeks a few of the primary children have been talking about, bringing in toys and wearing t-shirts that picture Huggy Wuggy.

As with all access to online platforms, what occurs at home under supervision is down to you, however at school we have to adhere to age limits, restrictions and what is appropriate in school.

We do not deem Huggy Wuggy appropriate for school, although it is difficult to find an age rating for this particular online game/imagery, you will see from just the brief details below that it is not suitable for school.

Please can we ask that you do not send your child to school with or wearing any Huggy Wuggy merchandise.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding, please see some information below in relation to Huggy Wuggy.

### **Gretton School Safeguarding Team**

From the <https://saferschoolsni.co.uk/huggy-wuggy-online-safety-review/>

*'Last year, we carried out an [Online Safety Review](#) on the game Poppy Playtime. Now, one of the most popular characters from the game, Huggy Wuggy, has reignited safeguarding concerns due to reports of online challenges and disturbing content featuring the character'*

### **Who is Huggy Wuggy?**

**Poppy Playtime is a PC horror game that involves an unnamed protagonist investigating a mystery in an abandoned toy factory. As the player, you roam around the factory and collect VHS tapes to solve the mystery of what happened. You must solve puzzles while trying to survive the “vengeful toys” left behind.**

**“Huggy Wuggy” is one of the game’s most popular – and visually disturbing – characters. It’s a giant, horrifying blue creature with bulging eyes, wide red lips, and long limbs who actively follows you around as you try to complete the game. He appears in the dark unexpectedly to try and**

**catch you. If you get caught, Huggy Wuggy bears his wide and sinister grin and eats you.**

From the <https://screenrant.com/poppy-playtime-huggy-wuggy-monster-kids-popular-toys/>

**Huggy Wuggy has become a viral trend, but why is such a horrifying monster popular with kids?**

One possible reason, among many, is that kids don't perceive scary things the same way adults do. It can sometimes be hard for adults to see from a child's perspective, so being confused by the sudden popularity of a horrifying nightmare creature is understandable. The trend seems on the surface like it doesn't make much sense, but when examined closely, some logic begins to emerge. [Poppy Playtime's classic toy-inspired designs](#) are somewhat kid-friendly, at least on the surface, though they also become nightmarish over the course of the game's chapters, and this combination of a toy-like exterior with a scary interior might make them more compelling characters.

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A poster for a 'Stage & Screen' workshop. The background is green with a faint, stylized illustration of a beanstalk. The title 'STAGE & SCREEN' is in large, white, outlined letters at the top. Below it, text describes a two-day pantomime-themed workshop for Jack and the Beanstalk. The poster also lists the dates (27th & 28th October 2022), time (10-3pm), and cost (£90 per student). At the bottom, there's a teal banner with contact information and the Cambridge Music logo.

# STAGE & SCREEN

Come and join us on a two day Pantomime themed workshop, exploring the story of Jack and the Beanstalk through singing, music and dance and earn an Arts Award Discover Certificate.

Open to students in Years 5-7.

Dates: 27th & 28th October 2022  
Time: 10-3pm (Performance at 2:15pm on 28th)

£90 per student

For more information visit  
[www.cambridgeshiremusic.org.uk](http://www.cambridgeshiremusic.org.uk)



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for parents by parents

**Our FREE online events and groups**





Sessions are currently all online and booking is easy via the [events page](#).  
Upcoming events for October:

**Wednesday 5th October 10:30-12pm** Moments of Connection Recording with Jolene Ironside. Book your free ticket [here](#).

**Friday 7th October 10am-12pm**, Pinpoint Parent/Carer Tii Hub. Book your free ticket [here](#).

**Monday 10th October 10:30am-12pm**, Situational Mutism with Dr Susan Sadek. Book your free ticket [here](#).

**Friday 14th October 10am-12pm**, Pinpoint Parent/Carer Tii Hub. Book your free ticket [here](#).

**Monday 17th October 10:30am-12pm**, Helping your child cope with sensory triggers in school with Jo Keys. Book your free ticket [here](#).

**Friday 21st October 10am-12pm**, Pinpoint Parent/Carer Tii Hub. Book your free ticket [here](#).

**Monday 31st October, 10:30am-12pm**, Preparing for Adulthood - What I need to know when my child leaves school. Book your free ticket [here](#).

All of these sessions will be held online. Zoom links to join will be sent from Eventbrite 2 days before and again 2 hours before the start of each session. Please do check your junk mail as they sometimes end up there! Thank you.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# 10 tips for parents and carers

## HOW TO BE GREEN WITH YOUR TECH

Right now, humans aren't living sustainably: we're taking too many resources and not leaving the world in a fit state for future generations. Old tech products are a clear example: If we throw them away, the poisonous lead and mercury inside can get into the food chain through the soil. Recycling tech, though, has its own issues: It's often exported to countries where the law doesn't protect people from hazards. Whole villages (including children) sort through discarded devices to remove useful parts and substances like gold, silver and copper – often putting their health at risk. Finding ways to re-use tech is the greenest option.

So what can we do with those cupboards and drawers full of old phones and unwanted computers?

### Reuse, recycle, donate or sell them!

- 1 DONATE THEM TO CHARITY**  
There are lots of charities that redistribute unwanted tech to worthy causes, either in the UK or in developing nations. If your old products are still working, this is a great option – as it means that new products don't have to be made. Search online for your nearest place that does this.
- 2 REMEMBER THE BATTERIES**  
Almost all batteries can be recycled – even the little button ones from smaller gadgets. You could choose a box at home or school to keep used batteries in, and then take them to a designated place that collects them. Be very careful, though – button cells can be deadly if eaten by small children or pets.
- 3 USE YOUR ONLINE SAFETY KNOWLEDGE**  
If you're recycling, selling or repurposing any of your devices, make sure that all your personal data, private photos and so on have been deleted before the tech leaves your hands or is connected online.
- 4 REUSE THEM**  
Old smartphones can be used as webcams, security cameras, baby monitors or pet cams: there are apps that will configure them to do this. You can also turn an outdated phone into a TV remote control, an alarm clock that wakes you up with your favourite track, or a media centre you can take to places where you wouldn't risk your new phone.
- 5 TURN IT INTO SOMETHING NEW**  
Smartphones are more powerful than most older computers. If you have an unwanted android phone, it's quite easy to create a new computer – you could use an old TV as a monitor, meaning you just need a mouse and keyboard. There are also small devices you can buy which let you do the same with iPhones.
- 6 RETURN THEM**  
Return devices to the manufacturer or retailer you bought them from. Some manufacturers take responsibility for their products and accept them back, to refurbish and redistribute. If they don't, you could contact them and ask why: the more consumer pressure there is on shops and manufacturers, the more likely they are to act in a greener way.
- 7 SUPPORT SCIENCE**  
Let your old devices help modern research. Scientists currently investigating topics like far-off star systems, cancer treatment and earth's climate need enormous computing power. If your unwanted device is Wi-Fi enabled, for example, you can connect it to a network so that it can boost scientists' research.
- 8 SELL THEM**  
This is also a green option as it means that fewer devices have to be produced. On top of that, you could also donate some of the money you make to an environmental charity.
- 9 RESEARCH DISPOSAL METHODS**  
If your device is beyond repair and no one wants it, get rid of it safely through a specialist tech disposal company. Check that your device won't be shipped off to another country for processing.
- 10 KEEP THINKING**  
There's no such thing as 'too many' ways to help our planet! If you come up with a better idea than ours, contact National Online Safety and tell us.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Neil Atkin teaches scientific literacy through his non-profit organisation, Rubbish Science, which engages people in working together to live more sustainably and creatively uses waste to help address real-life problems. There are a range of environmental activities you may like to try on their website: [www.rubbishscience.com](http://www.rubbishscience.com).

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