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Dear Parent/Carer

How has technology changed the way we communication?

Last week Mr Macdonald (Director of English) delivered assemblies with important messages to all Year groups from Y7-11 discussing how technology has changed the way we communicate with each other, particularly for young people. Extensive surveys suggest, over 75% of young people would rather communicate by text than by face-to-face conversation. Mr Macdonald shared interesting information with our students, for example, did you know that the very first text was sent in 1992 and the message said 'Merry Christmas'?

Students were also given important advice and reminders about how they can use their school email account to send messages directly to staff if they need help and support about schoolwork or other issues, as well as speaking face-to-face with a Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy or any member of staff in the school.

I have attached a copy of the assembly shared with our students to this letter for your information. The NSPCC also offer parenting advice to support when talking to your child about online safety and useful advice about how to start the conversation and get support if you are worried. The link to this advice can be found [here](#). Furthermore, if you need support and advice about any concerns to do with your child and online safety, please do not hesitate to contact a member of your child's pastoral team.

Yours faithfully



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