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Issue 7

We're looking forward to the new school year, and it brings with it a change in how our team works. We'll be collaborating more with neighbourhood policing teams and partners to better understand which schools will benefit most from our input, meaning we'll be able to target our resources more effectively. Please do still [contact us](#) if you would like to request a visit from us and we'll see what we can do! More generally, if you think that Northumbria Police could assist in some way with the education of your students, our Prevention Through Education Coordinator has links to other departments and will be happy to direct you.

SECONDARY – Y9 & 10 Northumbria Police Cadets: recruitment now open – closing date 31st Oct

Joining the police cadets not only gives young people an insight into policing, but also gets them involved in their local community and gives them the opportunity to develop many skills, including leadership. Enrolment into the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver schemes is an option, and the three-year programme culminates in the chance to apply to be an Assistant Cadet Leader (18+). In summary, it's a great way to gain invaluable life experience.

Please promote this to your Y9&10 students. For more detail and the application form, please visit this webpage: [Police Cadet Volunteers – Northumbria Police](#)

DIARY DATE Anti-bullying week – 14th-18th November

The Anti-bullying Alliance offers free module-based CPD training for those working with children and young people. Subjects include: Bullying and the Law (including hate crime); Cyberbullying; Sexual Bullying; and Mental Health and Bullying. Find out more [here](#).

PRIMARY DIGITAL MATTERS from internetmatters.org

A new platform/app has been launched for students (ages 9-11), teachers and parents/carers
“The platform is divided into two sections: Interactive Learning, and Once Upon Online. Students start with Interactive Learning, led by their teacher, where they learn about the e-safety concept through small activities and discussion. Next, they go onto Once Upon Online, either in the classroom or with support at home, and guide the character through choices using what they learnt. The story lets children make realistic choices in a safe environment to better understand the consequences of such choices along with what can be done if they find themselves in a situation like the characters so they can stay safe online.” Visit: [Digital Matters - Online Safety Platform for Schools & Families \(internetmatters.org\)](#)

ALL AGES Online safety advice for parents from the NSPCC, and an update from us

We believe that prevention is better than cure, and the earlier we speak to children about how to stay safe online, the better. Parents and carers have a crucial role to play in this. The NSPCC offers online safety workshops for parents and carers which can be booked and hosted by schools. Sessions can be customized to include topics that are relevant to any issues the school may want to address, such as the sharing of indecent images by children. The booking form can be accessed here: [Free online safety group workshops | NSPCC](#)
Parents can also be directed to this link [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#) where they will find advice on parental controls, apps, online gaming, and more.

**Our e-leaflet guide for parents and carers – Sharing Nudes – has been updated:
[view it on our webpage here.](#)**