

CBE/LUN/JJA

28 February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**WALK ONLINE ROADSHOW – ONLINE SAFETY, CIVIC HALL, BLACKSHOTS – WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2023**

The Gateway Academy has arranged for all Year 7 students to attend the Walk Online Roadshow at the Civic Hall on Wednesday 22 March 2023. We will be travelling to and from the venue by coach. Students are expected to be in school at their usual time of 08.10 am and go straight to Period 1.

This workshop will look at the online world and how our young people are using it. It will explore how they are navigating around restrictions and using the internet without their parent's knowledge. It will include content in regards to favourite apps and games and will look at the dangers young people face not only from predatory bad people but also how they are being groomed in games, which ranges from receiving gifts for the younger player (Primary age) and being groomed on servers for the older players (Year 5 and secondary).

The workshop will also look at bullying across all age ranges and explore the use that gangs make of the online world. It will also look at sexting and how all young people are being influenced online and forming ideologies and views that might oppose their parents/carers, which can also give them a skewed view of the world. It also looks at how influencers work, which can lead our children to conduct dangerous challenges.

We will be leaving the Academy promptly at 09.15 am and should be back onsite by 11.45 am (traffic permitting) when students will return to their Period 4 lesson. Students will be expected to wear school uniform and should remember that they will be representing The Academy throughout this trip.

I am sure that you will agree that this is a fantastic opportunity for your child and I would ask that you please complete the reply slip below and return this to me by no later than **Wednesday 10 March 2023**.

If you have any questions with regards to this trip, then please do not hesitate to contact me on telephone number 01375 480205 or via email at [clair.bettle@theglc.org.uk](mailto:clair.bettle@theglc.org.uk). Details of this trip will also be placed on the Academy website.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs C Bettle**  
**LEAD COACH YEAR 8**

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**REPLY SLIP**

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I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ (Student name) to attend the trip to the Walk Online Roadshow, Civic Hall, Blackshots, on Wednesday 22 March 2023.

Any medical conditions/allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer)

*(Please return reply slip to Mrs Bettle by no later than Friday 10 March 2023)*

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