



# RICHARD de CLARE

## Community Academy



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Dear parents/carers,

One of our key priorities is to ensure students are safe, both in and outside of school.

In an ever changing world, in which technology plays a greater role, understanding the dangers faced by young people is becoming more difficult.

A particular area of concern is 'e-safety', which involves the use of social media, websites and numerous interactive gaming sites.

The aim of Breck Foundation is to raise the awareness of playing safe whilst using the internet. Breck Bednar was a 14 year old boy, from Caterham, Surrey who loved technology and online gaming. He was groomed via the internet and murdered on February 17th 2014 by someone he met online. The Foundation has been set up in his memory to help other young people enjoy playing online but crucially to be aware of some simple rules to stay safe. To always remember that the friends that are made online are not like your real friends.

Ramsey Academy have organised a presentation for parents. They now have spaces at this talk and are inviting Richard de Clare parents. **The presentation will take place at Ramsey Academy on Thursday 24 October from 3.40 – 4.30pm.** This presentation is not suitable for children and we ask that only adults attend this event. Lorin, Breck's mother, will talk to you about her experiences, offer advice and there will be an opportunity for a question and answer session.

The presentation will specifically cover the following areas;

- Scrap the stereotypes – we are all vulnerable and therefore at risk of patient predatory tactics
- How and why did Lorin suspect grooming of her son – what are the warning signs?
- Having that awkward parent-child conversation, gaining trust and sharing your concerns about online safety
- Where to find helpful resources, awareness and supporting each other
- What to do if you are worried – how to report concerns

I hope you feel this is an invaluable opportunity to support the work we are doing to raise the awareness of responsible internet use and the dangers it can present to young people.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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Head of School



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