



# HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

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Dear parents/carers

We have been made aware of concerning social media posts circulating online under the title “Camden War”, which reference a number of local secondary schools, including Hampstead School.

We were alerted to this matter during half term by the Metropolitan Police, who are aware and are investigating. The posts have been recorded as intelligence and are being subject to open source research to assess traction, linked accounts, and any potential impact on the safety of young people. There will be an increased police presence at the end of the day, both at the school gates and across Camden and North London, as a precautionary measure to protect students.

I would ask all families to have calm and direct conversations with their children about this issue. Parents and carers have a clear responsibility to monitor and supervise their children’s use of social media. It is not sufficient to assume that young people are using platforms responsibly.

Many social media platforms have minimum age requirements. For example:

Instagram:	TikTok:	Snapchat:	Facebook:	WhatsApp:
13+	13+	13+	13+	16+ in the UK

If your child is below the required age, they should not be accessing these platforms, as this would be a breach of the platform’s terms of service. Families are asked to be especially vigilant over the coming days, including monitoring online activity, group chats, and any language that promotes rivalry, conflict, or unsafe behaviour. Students must not engage with, repost, share, comment on, or amplify inflammatory content.

**Students should be aware that online activity is not anonymous. Content that is threatening, inciting, or harassing may constitute a criminal offence and can lead to police investigation.**

Within school, we will be reinforcing expectations with all students. Mobile phone pouch use will be enforced. Where necessary, bag checks may be conducted in line with our behaviour and safeguarding procedures to ensure that no prohibited items are brought onto site.

I also wish to be absolutely clear that our [Behaviour for Learning Policy](#) applies to students’ actions beyond the school gates where those actions impact the safety, reputation, or orderly running of the school. Any student who brings the school into disrepute, whether before school, after school, or online, may face serious sanctions.

If you have any information or concerns, please contact your child’s Head of Year immediately. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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