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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM GLORIA GOLD - VICE PRINCIPAL
REGARDING A RECENT TIKTOK POST

Dear Parents/Carers

We have become aware of a TikTok post that is being shared between young people, including learners in our college. The post is disturbing and wholly inappropriate for viewing.

We understand that:

"The post is of an American man shooting himself. Initially TikTok were struggling to remove this post although we believe it may have now been removed. Additionally, other users were using this post in their own posts. However, despite the posts initially looking harmless, the footage from the American man's post appears later on in the seemingly harmless posts"

It would appear that this footage is also making an appearance on Facebook and we would encourage parents/carers to ignore it if they see it on their news feeds.

Below is a parent's guide to TikTok with advice around settings and generally what TikTok is for. For those who are not familiar with the app. It is incredibly popular with children and young people of all ages but of course by broadcasting yourself online it does obviously leave young people vulnerable to unwanted contact through the app.

<https://parentinfo.org/article/tiktok-what-parents-need-to-know>

The link below covers guides to many of the social media platforms that children and young people are using should you wish to view them

<https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides>

Social media can be a very powerful communication tool, both positive and negative. This is a timely reminder for us all to check what our young people are watching online and help them to understand more about how to navigate social media platforms safely and securely.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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