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Dear Parent/Carer

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations including Podcast, Careers and Work-Related Learning Bulletin, Debate Team Success, Online Viral Challenges, Maths Challenge Awards, Sporting Fixtures, Uniform and PE Kit Donations

Welcome to my end of week update letter.

This week has seen internal examinations take place and formal examinations for GCSE and A level end. This time of the year is always the busiest, despite the weather, especially as we prepare for September and finalise plans for our sixth form induction, awards evening and Full School Assembly. Please find some important updates below:

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

This week, we have begun our Cultural Capital fortnight. Assemblies have focussed around our history, an exhibition has been placed in the Great Hall about the school over the years and two podcasts have been recorded and published – both can be found on the main website under 'About Us', 'Platinum Jubilee' and the RP6th website here: <https://rp6th.co.uk/platinum-jubilee/>.

In addition, we saw our heritage open bus trips around Lincoln take place yesterday which were excellent experiences for our youngsters.

Next week, our Cultural Capital activities will continue, including the publication of the latest chapters in our book about SRPA's 70-year history, adding in the last 20 years since the last publication was written. On 29 June 2023, we also see the Academy joined by local dignitaries for a Jubilee celebration afternoon tea.

Careers and Work-Related Learning Bulletin

Please find attached latest edition of the careers and work-related learning bulletin.

Debate Team Success

Students from Years 8 - 10 took part in their first debate competition this week. This was our first competition outside the sixth form in the Oswald Shield. There were outstanding contributions from several students, especially Craig C who was the youngest participant in the whole competition and presented an outstanding argument, and Jamie S who spoke with passion and clarity in his speeches, receiving exceptional feedback. All students represented the Academy exceedingly well and should be proud in what is an academic and historically prestigious tournament.

Online Viral Challenges

Unfortunately, viral challenges are commonplace on social media but, recently, there has been some content that has gained media attention which has the potential to be incredibly dangerous.

The 'Tapout Challenge' is where friends will put each other into a stranglehold until they are close to passing out. The person being strangled will then 'tap out' to signal when the other person should let go or it ends when they lose consciousness. While children and young people may view this challenge as a 'game,' the potential consequences can be life changing as many similar 'challenges' have resulted in permanent injury or death. A similar 'Blackout Challenge' was found to be the cause of death during an inquest into the passing of a 12-year-old boy in Birmingham in 2016.

While it has not been seen as a widespread issue in Lincolnshire at this time, there have been both national and local media reports of this behaviour being witnessed in the county recently.

While it's vital not to raise the awareness of this among students, it is important to make parents aware that online challenges can pose a risk to the health and well-being of their children. Tools are available to help manage access to inappropriate content such as parental controls with TikTok offering a feature called Family Pairing. YouTube also offers parental controls in the form of their 'Restricted Mode' and have a more child-friendly version of their app called YouTube Kids. More information about these features can be found by visiting <https://www.internetmatters.org/>.

We would also encourage all parents and carers to be mindful of the content their children are viewing and keep an open dialogue with them about their online use. Some factsheets are attached.

Maths Challenge Awards

We don't usually shout too loudly about Maths Challenge, however, we wish to congratulate Robin P (Year 8) for gaining a "Certificate of Merit" in the Junior Kangaroo 2023. He qualified for the Kangaroo round after achieving Gold in the Junior Mathematical Challenge (JMC) this April. The first round of the challenge is open to Year 7 and 8 students in UKMT registered centres across the UK and in British international schools. The Kangaroo qualifying students are only around 10,000 in number. Thomas B (Year 7) also qualified for the Kangaroo follow on round with Gold (Best in School) in the JMC which is a fantastic achievement for a student in Year 7.

Sporting Fixtures

Mr Whitley took a team of Year 9 and 10 tennis players to William Farr where they only dropped 4 games, taking the tie. It is outstanding to see such sporting fixtures taking place at all, as well as bringing home the spoils. Well done to the whole team!



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Uniform and PE Kit Donations

In order to ensure that we have enough stock in our second-hand uniform shop, we are looking again for any donations please, especially in larger sizes (thinking of leaving Year 11s).

We have become somewhat depleted of late in this area and would value the kindness of others in this cost-of-living crisis to support across our community. Thank you.

As we enter the final month of the academic year, the pace never slows down and the events keep on coming. It is wonderful to be able to celebrate our history as we prepare for the future. In the words of Thomas Jefferson, "I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past."

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Hardy
Headmaster



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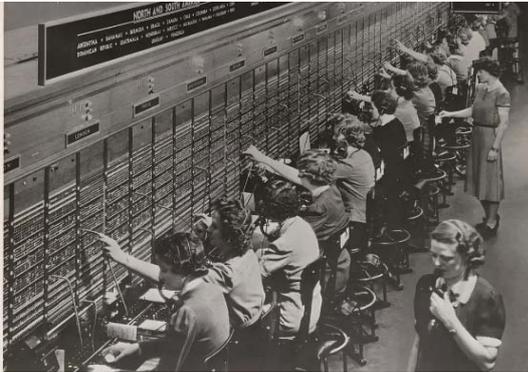
Careers and Work-Related Learning

Term 6 Bulletin 2023

Welcome to the Term 6 Careers and Work-Related Learning Bulletin.

70th Anniversary

As we approach the end of the current academic year and we are celebrating the 70th anniversary of Sir Robert Pattinson Academy, it seems fitting to reflect upon the changes that have taken place in careers during this time, along with a thought as to what may happen to our current job roles during the next 70 years.



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Switch board operators, type setters, encyclopaedia salespersons, video store personnel, typists, coal miners, milk men and ship builders are just some of the jobs that have declined rapidly or disappeared in the UK during the last 70 years. Technology and competition from overseas have undoubtedly contributed to the change in our workplaces.

I wonder how many of the following ten job roles will still be commonplace in 70 years' time?

1. Cashiers – will the rise of self-service kiosks and automated checkout systems lead to a reduction in the requirement for human cashiers?
2. Bank Tellers – self-service kiosks and online banking are already (and will continue) to lead to a reduction in the number of bank branches and workers.
3. Telemarketer – AI powered chat bots and automated telephone systems can perform telemarketing faster than humans.
4. Receptionists – AI chat bots can handle basic customer queries.
5. Fast food cooks and service staff – Automated cooking may replace human staff.
6. Bookkeepers – AI is already starting to automate many of the routines in this industry.
7. Travel Agents – With the rise of online platforms, travel agents are becoming less requested.
8. Assembly Line Workers – Robots and automation can perform many tasks in manufacturing, reducing the need for human workers.
9. Librarians – AI can help with cataloguing and indexing books, thus reducing the need for human interaction.
10. Customer Service Advisors – AI powered chat bots are already helping customers with their requests.

Of course, as some career areas are lost, others emerge, it is perhaps safe to assume that the students who will be attending Sir Robert Pattinson Academy, 70 years from now, will be preparing to embark on careers that we currently know nothing about!

Induction

A polite reminder that the dates for Sixth Form induction are - **Wednesday 28 June, Thursday 29 June and Friday 30 June**. We look forward to welcoming our potential new students for 3 days of activities including taster lessons and induction tasks, an enrichment trip out to the beach, along with co-hosting our very own further education conference with the University of Lincoln.

Applications for Oxbridge/Med/Vet/Dent

If your child is currently in Year 12 and considering applying for Oxbridge or for Medicine, a reminder that applications will need to be in earlier than other applications. The deadline for applications is 6:00pm on **Monday 16 October**. The deadline for registering to take any admissions test that your course requires is **Friday 29 September**. If your child would like any support then please ask them to book in with Mrs Taylor, our Careers Advisor.

Apprenticeships

If you would like to have a look at current Apprenticeship vacancies, please visit: www.gov.uk. Here are some of the latest:

Apprentice Hairdresser

Salon 2

(Added 13 Apr 2023 - 1 position available)

Closing date: 03 Jul 2023

Possible start date: 04 Sep 2023



RAF Supplier - Full Time Career with Apprenticeship

Royal Air Force

(Added 5 days ago - 120 positions available)

Closing date: 01 Oct 2023

Possible start date: 02 Oct 2023



Customer Service/Reception Apprentice

Abbey Medical Practice

(Added 5 days ago - 1 position available)

Closing date: 03 Jul 2023

Possible start date: 31 Jul 2023



Sales and Marketing Support Customer Services Apprenticeship

BLUECUBE TELECOMMUNICATIONS LTD

(Added 26 May 2023 - 1 position available)

Closing date: 30 Jun 2023

Possible start date: 01 Jul 2023



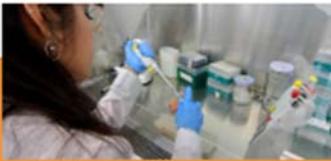
What's on

Talent Academy

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Pharmacy**
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NHS
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Are you exploring your career options and interested in where a pharmacy career could take you?

Taking place at Lincoln Hospital on 1 September from 10:00am - 12:45pm and open to students **aged 14 - 18 years living or educated in Lincolnshire.**

Participants will gain a better understanding of the diverse careers and entry routes available in a profession that makes a positive difference in people's lives and wellbeing through treating illness and supporting healthy lifestyles. Led by industry experts, students will hear from NHS staff covering topics such as the range of settings that pharmacists work in, the role they play in a patient's treatment pathway and multi-disciplinary working.

If you would like to attend please [CLICK HERE](#) or visit our website at lincstalentacademy.org.uk/events and complete the booking form.

Data Detectives UCL

3 - 7 July 2023, 9:30am – 4:00pm daily



Getting to the bottom of data requires a mix of creativity, skill, and curiosity. With the help of academics and students from University College London, you'll be the detective, tackling real-life mysteries like the differences in happiness between countries or the value of a new film release. You'll work on a project online in small teams. We'll give you the data and you'll bring the questions.

Find out more and apply here

To take part in this event, you must be:

- In Year 12 (England/Wales/Northern Ireland) or S5 (Scotland),
- Studying A-Level Maths or equivalent, and
- Attending a non-selective state school in the UK.

The deadline for applications is 5:00pm on **Friday 16 June 2023**.

Armed Forces Careers

Explore what's on offer when you choose a challenging and rewarding life in the military. The armed forces include the British Army, Royal Air Force and Royal Navy. Together, they're responsible for the safety and security of the UK. They're involved in combat, peacekeeping and humanitarian aid.

Types of careers

There are hundreds of different armed forces careers. You have the chance to see the world in many jobs you can do in civilian life. For example, a chef, a nurse or an engineer. They also have lots of roles that you'll only find in the forces. These roles include tank crew or military intelligence specialists.

Qualifications

For some jobs, you do not need a lot of qualifications.

Wherever you start, you'll have the chance to:

- Build a career
- Get more qualifications
- Move up through the ranks

Length of service

You'll have to commit to a length of service when you join. This can be from 3.5 to 6 years, depending on which of the forces you want to join.

How to join

Each of the armed forces has its own careers website. You can use them to get tips on recruitment, the selection process and how to prepare. There are lots of opportunities for adults. You'll need to check the age restrictions for the roles you're interested in. You can also join through a graduate entry scheme if you've got a degree.

Find out about the different roles, what's involved and their entry requirements at:

- [British Army careers](#)
- [Royal Air Force \(RAF\) careers](#)
- [Royal Navy Careers](#)

You can find more advice on [how to get into the armed forces and what to expect](#) from Job Help.

Cadets

Cadets can be a great way to gain some experience while you're still in school.

As a cadet, you'll show commitment to the armed forces and find out about life in the military.

Find out more about the:

- [Army cadets](#)
- [Royal Air Force \(RAF\) cadets](#)
- [Royal Navy cadets](#)

Scholarships

If you're studying for A level or similar qualification, you can get funding to become an officer with the:

- [Army Officer Scholarship Scheme](#)
- [Royal Air Force scholarships](#)
- [Royal Navy Scholarship](#)

University

The armed forces also offer sponsorships and bursaries for university students. You can apply for subjects like science, technology, engineering, maths and healthcare.

There are exciting ways to get experience of military life during your degree.

While you're at university, you can join the:

- Army's [University's Officer Training Corps](#)
- RAF's [University Air Squadron](#)
- Navy's [University Royal Navy Unit](#)

Get specialist advice

- You can contact an [Army](#), [RAF](#) or [Royal Navy](#) careers centre to get specialist careers advice.
- Look out for their recruitment experts at [careers fairs](#) too.

Work Experience Opportunities

Latest work experience programmes



'Work Insights' – Your window into work with Coventry Building Society

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Springpod have recently partnered with a host of universities to provide students with **free, university experience**.

Springpod university experiences are short 60-minute series, in a mini-lecture format, covering topical questions that students will explore at university, if they decide to study that subject.

Below are a host of opportunities:

[COVID, the Law and you with the University of Law](#)

[Accounting and Finance: Beyond the numbers with the University of Derby](#)

[What is a pharmacist anyway? Master of Pharmacy with UCL](#)

[What constitutes a Crime? Criminology with the University of Law](#)

[Why do we need other people? Psychology with Middlesex University London](#)

[Virtual creatures within gaming: Computer Science with Bangor University](#)

These experiences can be completed flexibly around studies, and upon completion of the video series and assessment, students can receive a certificate to add to their Personal Statement and/or CV.

Most importantly, it's **completely free for students to apply and complete.**

<https://university.springpod.com/explore-subject-spotlights>

One of our remarkable programs is [Support Office Careers with Specsavers](#), which offers a wide range of roles within the Specsavers organisation. Students can explore fascinating opportunities in technology, IT, marketing, finance, and even law.

Additionally, we have an engaging program called [Building Your Future with JLL & Meta](#). This immersive experience introduces students to the dynamic world of real estate, covering everything from sustainability practices to exploring the possibilities of using the Metaverse in this industry. Real estate is all about creating innovative spaces where people can thrive.

Last but not least, we offer the [Step Inside Accountancy - ICAEW Insight Event](#). Through this program, students will be introduced to the sector as well as the different career paths they could take. They'll hear from the experts, take part in quizzes and activities, and discover skills they didn't know they had! They'll also get the chance to question current professionals to find out more about application processes and their top tips.



Careers Visits

Trip to Lincoln College:

On 23 May 2023, a group of students visited Lincoln College to explore a range of aspirations – from construction to beauty. The trip leader said: ‘The students were great. They received a full tour of the college and spoke to a number of tutors. They also met some SRPA student leavers’.



Trip to Bishop Grosseteste University:



On 23 May, a small group of students attended to Bishop Grosseteste University. They received a full campus tour and talks on routes into teaching, an interactive session with a Professor on the different methods of teaching mathematics to young children and guidance on student life (living on and off campus and the benefits) and how best to budget.

Shannon D said: “On Tuesday 23 May 2023 we got to go on a trip to Bishop Grosseteste University. This trip was great as we were able to attend a session on educational studies, a session on budgeting/student life and a session on Primary Education with QTS. We also got to go on a campus tour. This trip was very helpful as I’d like to become a secondary school teacher and although it wasn’t about this specifically, I can say that I learnt a lot from it.

During the education studies session we, also saw the different pathways you can take to get into teaching and, during the primary education with QTS session, we got to find out different methods of teaching for pupils of a lower age. Overall, I found this day very helpful and would like to thank the teachers who were involved in this trip.”

Year 10 Trip to Lincoln University:



As a part of developing our University Programme and to improve the aspirations of our young people, we took a large proportion of Year 10 students to Lincoln University. The aim of this day was to give students an overview of what a university education has to offer. There was a tour of the campus and accommodation, a course builder session that looked at a vast array of options students have at universities, as well as a session on understanding themselves as learners and what learning styles support their development most effectively. As part of the day, students also had the opportunity to ask questions to current university students about their experiences too.

Aspirations Ambassador update

Milena R: ‘As the aspirations lead, I have been tasked with helping out at the careers fair that is happening in July. I have also helped with the alumni and the aspirations videos last half term.’

Parental Help

If you are able to offer any work experience placements or could spare some time to visit students to talk to them about your own career path, please do get in touch as we would be very grateful for your involvement and the sharing of your knowledge and expertise in your field. We also welcome your ideas and feedback as to what we include in our Careers & Work-Related Bulletin. Please email SMather@srpa.co.uk with your feedback.



Simple rules for home

It can be a minefield trying to manage our children online so here we have provided some straightforward things which you can put in place to help you keep them a little safer at home.

- **No tech in bedrooms (or tech with door open)**

Keeping technology from behind closed doors reduces the likelihood they will search for inappropriate content.

- **Watch and learn about apps together**

Learn about the apps and games they are interested in to better understand how it can be used positively but also to understand the risks and how they manage them.

- **Periodically check what they are watching**

YouTube and Netflix will show you what has been recently watched. Social media can be a little more difficult to check but encourage them to show you themselves.

- **Discuss together and agree boundaries**

Keep talking about the good and the bad of being online, and explain why rules are necessary sometimes so they understand it's about their safety not spoiling their fun.

Parental controls can be used to restrict access to inappropriate content and can help you manage their safety online at home.

Guides are available from Internet Matters to set up controls to filter content, limit screentime, restrict access to apps and manage who they can contact.

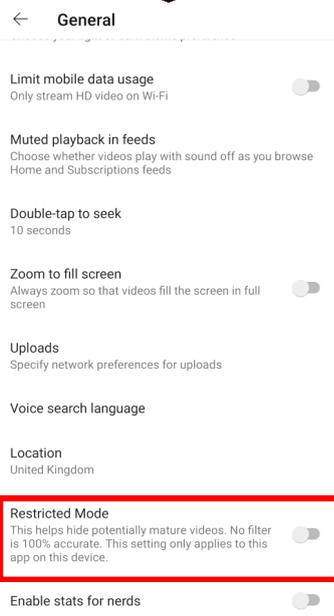
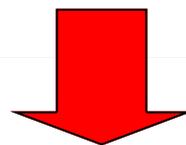
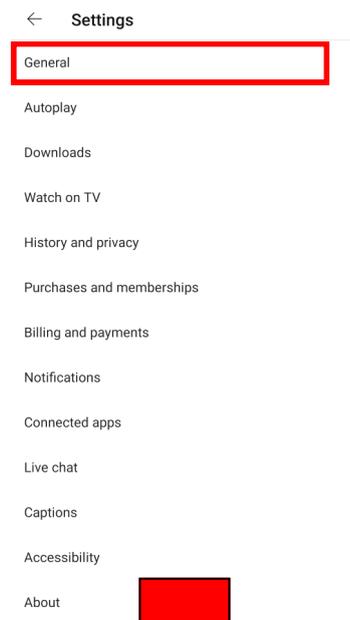
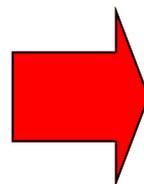
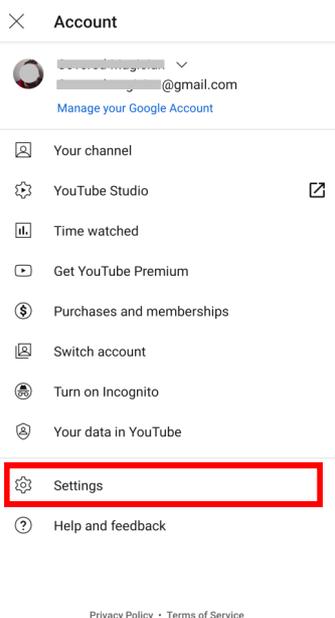
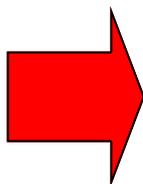
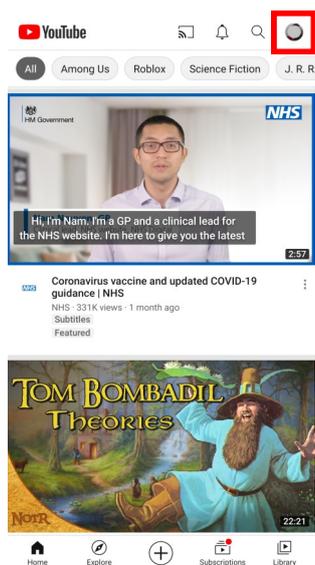
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YouTube App Restricted Mode



Want to know how to keep in control when your child goes on YouTube? Here is how you do it....



- ◆ Open the YouTube app and click on the Profile picture in the top corner.
- ◆ Tap the **Settings** option
- ◆ Tap on **General**
- ◆ Scroll down until you see **Restricted Mode** and tap on it

This will limit access to inappropriate content but at present cannot be locked so be aware that children can turn it off. Alternatively you can use the YouTube Kids App instead

To learn more about parental controls visit the Internet Matters website

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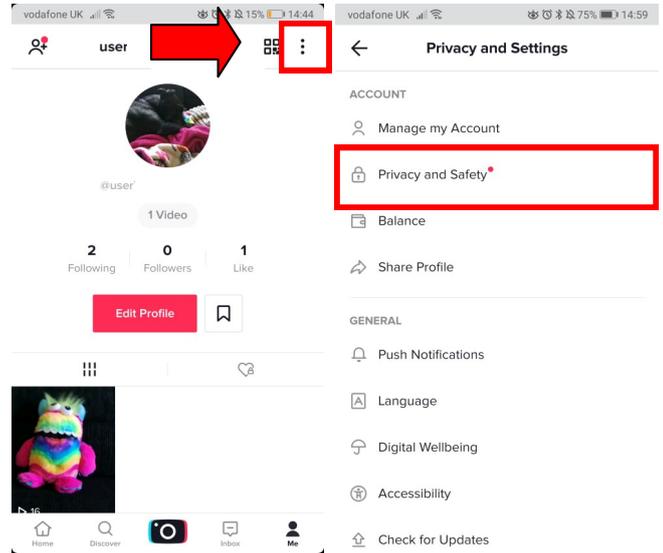
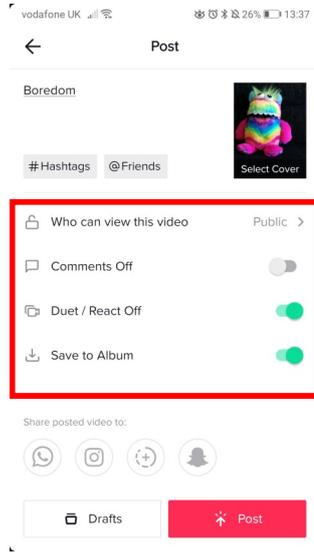
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How to control your privacy

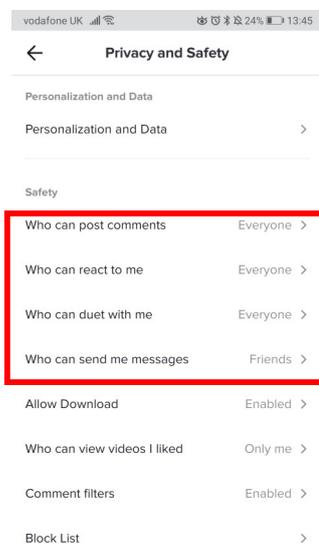
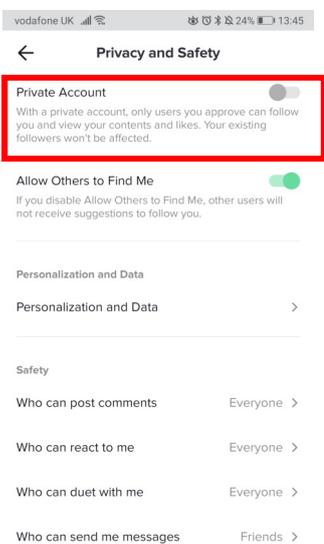
TikTok is a social media app which allows you to post short videos where you lip synch or dance to popular music

When you set up your profile you have options to stop anyone who isn't your friend/follower seeing the videos you post as well as letting you disable comments and duets.

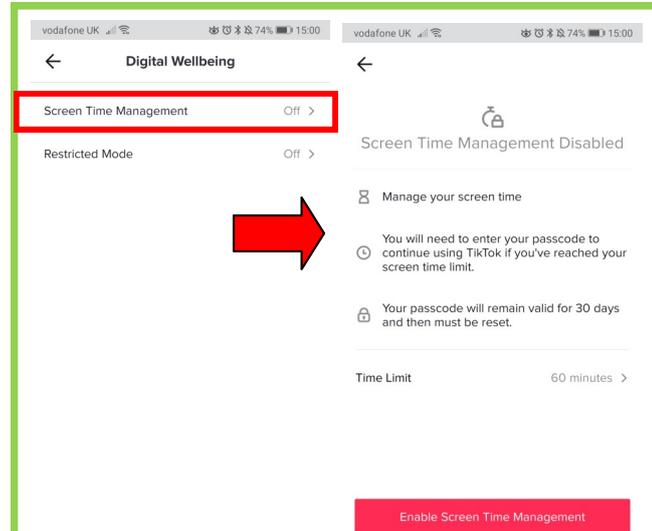
You can set the privacy of each video individually before it's posted or change it after it's posted but we think just sharing with friends is best



To make sure your videos are posted with just your friends automatically, go to your profile page, click the 3 dots in the top corner and tap "Privacy and Settings" option



There are loads of other great options to help you enjoy the app safely such as only allowing friends to comment or duet, have a filter on your comments and stopping strangers from messaging you.



There is also a great option called Digital Wellbeing which you can use to set limits on how much you use the app - it's always good to take a break, especially if you're not enjoying it



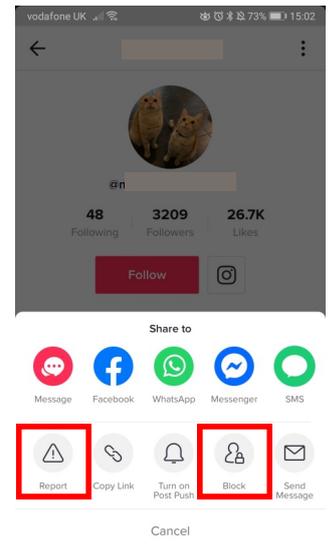
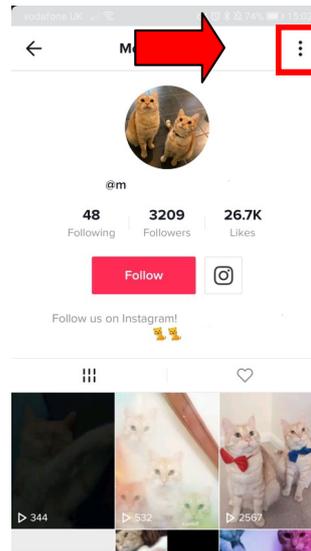
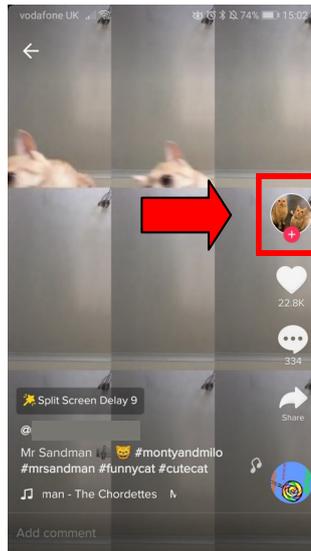
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How to block other users

If someone is being abusive, or if you just don't want them to see your profile or message you anymore, you can block them through the app.

To block another user just click on their profile and tap the 3 dots in the top corner then select block or report. Once clicked it will ask you for a reason why you are reporting them.

To report a comment simply tap on the comment and select from the option



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