

# SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

Information for Parents & Carers May 2025

## WHAT'S ON AT DONCASTER YOUTH HUBS OVER MAY HALF TERM



**May Half Term!**  
(26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>)

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Bentley Youth Hub**

**Maker Futures (FREE)**  
\*Part of Remake Learning\*

(Book via Remake LearningDays.org)

1pm-3pm (Ages 8+)

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**Arty Party (FREE)**  
\*Part of Remake Learning\*

(No booking required)

1pm-3pm (Ages 8+)

**Tom Hill Youth Hub**

**DJ Workshop (FREE)**  
\*Part of Remake Learning\*

(Book via Remake LearningDays.org)

11am-12:30pm (Ages 8-13)  
1pm-2:45pm (Ages 14-18)

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**Open Universal Session**

Including DJ workshop  
(Free - No booking required)

3pm-5pm (Ages 8+)

**Key:**

- 📍 Bentley My Place Youth Hub, Askern Road, DN50HU
- 📍 Tom Hill Youth Club, Wadworth St, Denaby Main, Doncaster DN12 4AQ

✉ YouthHubseDoncaster.gov.uk  
☎ 01302737993 OR 01302735704  
📱 Doncaster Youth Hubs

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Open Youth Session (FREE)**

(No booking required)

5pm - 6.30pm (8-11 years)  
7pm - 8pm (11-18 years)

**Tom Hill Youth Hub**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**DJ Workshop (FREE)**  
(Part of Remake Learning Days)

(Book via Remake LearningDays.org)

11am-12:30pm (8-13yrs)  
1pm-2:45pm (14-18yrs)

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**Open Youth Session (FREE)**

Including DJ workshop  
(No booking required)

3pm-5pm (Ages 8+)

**Bentley Youth Hub**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Sports & Crafts in Bentley Park (FREE)**

(No booking required)

2pm-4pm (Ages 8+)

**Bentley Youth Hub**

**Sports & Crafts in Flower Park Denaby Main (FREE)**

(No booking required)

2pm-4pm (Ages 8+)

**Tom Hill Youth Hub**









Doncaster  
Music Hub

## visit

The Point  
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Doncaster  
DN1 2DR

## contact

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tel - 01302 341662

Swag and Swaglets are youth choirs offering Doncaster something different. Dynamic and inclusive, they are singing groups for 9-17-year-olds who want to make music, perform chart hits and find their tribe.

Both groups are free to attend and no audition or musical experience is necessary. They provide a safe, welcoming and supportive space, where children and young adults can learn to sing, perform and meet new people who share their love of music.

Unique from regular youth groups or singing lessons, the community of choir members is hugely diverse and inclusive – with a range of needs and Disabilities catered for, and everyone is welcomed regardless of musical skill, background or additional needs. Swag and Swaglets are for anyone and everyone who loves to sing.

**Please note, while our groups are preparing for their guest performances at Sing Out in June, the sessions will run at the amended time of 4.45pm – 6pm.**

Sessions will run on the following dates;

Tuesday 3rd June

Tuesday 10th June

Please note, there will not be a session at The Point on Tuesday 17th June, as the groups will be performing at Sing Out.

Tuesday 24th June

Tuesday 1st July

Tuesday 8th July

Tuesday 15th July

# Introducing - YONDR



## SCHOOLS

Since 2014, Yondr has led the charge to create phone-free spaces, supporting millions of students around the world every day. With partner support and implementation based in all 50 states and over 35 countries, Yondr is proud to work with schools to help students experience the focus, creativity, and relief that comes with a phone-free education.

## TESTIMONIALS

"Kids are paying attention, but they are also interacting in ways they hadn't before. It's given children back their youth. We have a beautiful courtyard that no one used before we had the Yondr pouches. Now, they use it."

— Marla Travis-Curtis, West Philadelphia HS, USA

"No phones means we minimise the risk of cyber-bullying or breaches of child protection during the school day."

— Siobhán Foster, De La Salle College, IRELAND

"There has been much more student interaction and communication in the yard at recess and at lunch times. There is also no messaging in class so students are more focused and there has been less bullying."

— Meningie Area School, AUSTRALIA

**For more information on this fantastic addition to our outstanding school please visit the 'Letters to parents' section on the Hungerhill Website.**

# Group Chats

Is your child part of any group chats? This could be on social media, for example on WhatsApp or within games such as Fortnite. If so, it is important that you are aware of the potential risks, which include:

- **Inappropriate content** – there is often a lack of moderation within chat facilities so users could be exposed to content/language that is not suitable for their age.
- **Bullying** – there are many instances where inappropriate/hurtful comments are shared within groups, this could take the form of name calling or body shaming. Bullying can also be in the form of excluding others from the group. These issues often overspill into 'real life'.
- **Strangers** – your child could be added to groups with people they do not know or even with someone that they have previously blocked.
- **Conversations can be shared/screen shot** – make sure your child is aware that anything they share within a group can be shared with others outside the group.
- **Sharing personal information** – remind your child to be aware of the information they share with others including images and location.



## How can I help make group chats safer?

- Check the recommended age rating and adhere to them. If we all did this, peer pressure would be reduced.
- Set up age-appropriate parental controls and set screen time limits.
- Show your child how to use any reporting and blocking tools.

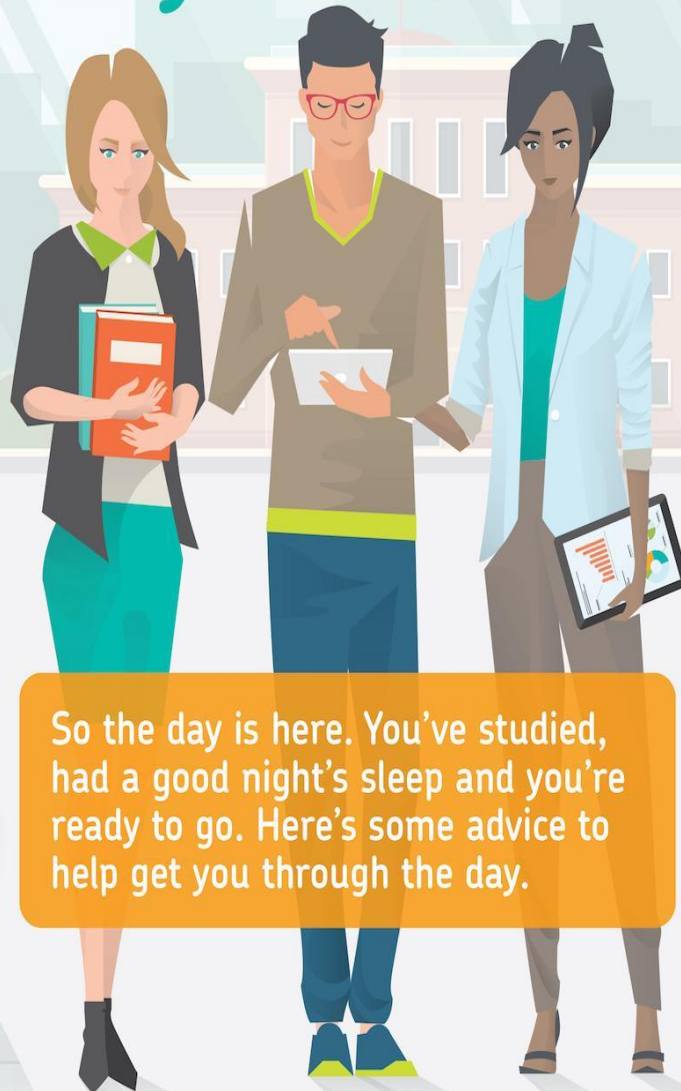
## What else can I do?

- It is crucial to have regular conversations with your child about the risks outlined above and about what they are doing online.
- Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about the messages they send and how they might be perceived by others. Talk about positivity and not saying anything hurtful. Ask them to think about whether they would say what they are messaging, face to face.
- Devices should be used in family rooms so you can monitor what they are doing and who they are interacting with.
- Finally, make sure to model good digital behaviour yourself, as children often learn by observing the adults around them.

## Further information

Childnet have created a Group Chat Guide for parents following consultation with the Childnet Youth Advisory Board and Digital Champions: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/cheat-sheet-group-chats/>

# Keeping calm on exam day



Eat the right foods – a lack of energy can affect your concentration



Get your stationery together – bring spare pens/pencils, a pencil eraser and a calculator if it's allowed. A clear pencil case or plastic bag is fine to use



Bring a bottle of water so you don't get thirsty half way through



Arrive on time – ideally 10 – 15 minutes before the start of the exam



So the day is here. You've studied, had a good night's sleep and you're ready to go. Here's some advice to help get you through the day.

Don't let other students make you stressed while you are waiting to go in – you're on your own journey



Don't bring your phone with you



No matter how tempting, don't talk to other students once you go into the exam room – this could be classed as misconduct, even if you're not talking about the subject of the exam



Read the instructions on the front of the exam paper carefully



Once the exam starts, read through the whole paper before answering anything – you'll be able to see how much time you'll need to answer each question and plan your time effectively



If you feel unwell or need to go to the toilet, put your hand up so the invigilator can help you



Look for the command words. Identify key words before you answer the question



**REMEMBER** Your examiners want you to do well.

They're real people who have sat exams before and they understand how nerve-wracking and stressful the experience can be.

## SAFEGUARDING TEAM



**Miss Harwood –  
Deputy Head &  
Designated  
Safeguarding Lead**



**Mrs Walker –  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead**

The Hungerhill Safeguarding Team has been trained to an advanced level on all aspects of safeguarding. We are available to any student, parent or school staff member to report any safeguarding concerns.

To contact:

Call: 01302 885811

Email: [admin@hungerhillschool.com](mailto:admin@hungerhillschool.com)

Or complete the contact form on the School Website

School Counsellor: S Horton

School Mentor: C Barley

### ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?

It is vitally important that if you change your home phone/email/mobile number, that you immediately let the school know, so that we have the most up-to-date contact details.

Thank you!

### USEFUL ON-LINE SAFETY WEBSITES

*National Online Safety – safety guides on ALL aspects of internet use*

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

Internet Matters – wide range of online safety advice for parents to keep their children safe on-line.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>