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County Upper School

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YOUR WEEKLY INFORMATION SHEET

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Update from Ms Kennedy

Congratulations to all those who helped at our Open Evening last night and thank you for your contribution to an excellent evening. A large number of students from all five year groups supported our staff and we received superb feedback from our visitors.

If you wish to view the Headteacher's Welcome or share it with other prospective parents, it can be found on our website at <https://www.countyupper.org/2021/10/12/2021-open-evening/>

310/311 Buses

We have been advised by the bus company Stephensons that there has been some very dangerous behaviour on the 310/311 buses. Please make your children aware and ensure they act in a safe manner when travelling to and from school on the buses. Please read the [Code of Conduct](#) from Stephensons.

Non-School Uniform Day

This Friday we will hold a non-school uniform day to raise funds towards our charity week, which takes place in December. Students are expected to wear clothes that are appropriate for a professional school environment. We ask that students refrain from wearing clothing that includes any offensive slogans or images. Vests, and vest type tops should not be worn and skirts/shorts should be of reasonable length. We also expect that students do not wear clothing that will cause a health and safety risk, such as large earrings. Sixth form are additionally invited to wear something orange or green or fancy dress. Please note that the final decision on the suitability of clothes and their compliance with this policy is down to the headteacher.

Student Absence

Please note that we have changed how we use our telephone system and now have the option to report all student absence via our main telephone line. Please dial **01284 754857** and **select option 1** to report a student absence.

The Autumn Concert

This event will take place on Wednesday 10th November at 7pm. Further details to follow. Please see flyer [here](#)

Year Group News

Year 11

Parents' Evening on **Tuesday 19th October 4.30-7.30pm** is available to book on Schoolcloud. Bookings will close on **18th October at 4pm**.

Students studying **Business Studies** have their exam on **Friday 26th November at 0900 hrs**. This is a school closure day and they will be the only students on site and will need collecting from school **at 1100 hrs** please.

Mock exams start for Year 11 on Monday 8th November. The timetable has been shared with students today.

Sixth Form

Mock exams start for Year 13 on Monday 8th November. The timetable will be shared with students today.

Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on **Tuesday 23rd November 5.00-7.30pm** - Introductory presentations at 5.00pm and 6.00pm

Year 11 students and their parents/carers are invited to the sixth form open evening. This will be an opportunity to discuss options here for A level study next year, to talk to subject teachers and the sixth form team about the application process and entry requirements.

Other Items of Interest

Invigilators

The school is looking to recruit invigilators for our mock exams in November. If you have experience of this or a similar role and would like to apply, please do so at <https://unitysp-careers.co.uk/job-search/>

Half Term

School finishes for half term on **Friday 22nd October at 1540 hrs**. We hope you have a restful week and we look forward to welcoming students back on **Monday 1st November at 0900 hrs**.

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YST INCLUSION SCHOOLS





At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents and Carers Need to Know about APPLE GUIDED ACCESS

iPhones and iPads don't offer separate user accounts. So when you hand your Apple device to a child to play a game or watch a video, you're also handing them access to your email, the web, messaging and numerous other apps through which they could accidentally do something regrettable.

Apple Guided Access solves this potential problem by letting you restrict the iPhone or iPad to one particular app whenever your child uses the device. If they try and leave that app, they will be asked for a password or Face ID, meaning they can't access anything they shouldn't elsewhere on the device. Here, we show you how to find and set up the Guided Access feature, so you can confidently let your child borrow your iPhone or iPad.

How to set it up...

Step 1
To switch on Guided Access, open your Apple device's Settings - that's the one with the cog icon, normally found on the first of your home screens.

Step 2
In the Settings menu, scroll down and select Accessibility, then scroll down and select Guided Access.

Step 3
Enable Guided Access by tapping the toggle at the top. It should turn green, and a new series of options will appear.

Step 4
You can now customise Guided Access. Under Passcode Settings, for example, you can set a six-digit passcode that must be entered to turn Guided Access back off. You'll also find an option to quit Guided Access using Face ID if your device has that feature.

Step 5
There are audio options, such as scheduling an alert if you decide to set a time limit on Guided Access - to restrict gaming sessions to an hour, say. You can also set an alarm or spoken warning for when the time is almost up, so your child isn't suddenly kicked out of the app. It's a good way to avoid tantrums!

Step 6
Finally, you can alter the length of time before the device auto-locks. If your child is reading on the device's Kindle app, for example, you might want to stop the screen locking after only two minutes of nobody touching it - so they can read happily without interruption. You can select from pre-set time periods or disable the lock function altogether.

How to switch it on...

Step 1
When you need to start a Guided Access session, open the app your child wishes to use and then press the home/power button or side button on your device three times in quick succession.

Step 2
You can now select parts of the screen that you'd like to lock. If your child's reading on your Kindle app, for example, you could disable the icon that takes them to the main Kindle library - so they don't stumble across books written for an adult audience.

Step 3
The Options menu in the bottom right allows you to set a time limit for the session. Use the scrollable menu to specify the time limit in minutes or hours.

Step 4
Other options in this menu let you control access to settings such as the volume. So if your child's listening to music, you could lock the volume buttons (once it's set to a suitable level) so they can't damage their hearing by playing it too loud.

Step 5
When everything is set up how you want it, click Start. Your child will now not be able to leave that app. If they press the home button to exit, as usual, it will do nothing.

Step 6
The only way to leave Guided Access is to triple-click the home/power or side button (or double-click, if you set up the option to exit via Face ID). Without Face ID, you'll need the six-digit passcode to return to your home screens. Obviously, don't forget that code or let your child find out what it is!

Meet Our Expert
Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and the ITV News at Ten. He has two children and has written regularly about internet safety issues.

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