

CONFERENCE | ETON COLLEGE | WEDNESDAY JUNE 4, 2025

SUPPORTING AND UNDERSTANDING THE DIGITAL GENERATION

EVENT PROGRAMME

This conference at Eton College brings together educators, pastoral leaders, and safeguarding professionals to explore the complex realities of young people's digital lives within school environments.

09:00 - 09:30 | REGISTRATION

09:30 - 09:45 | WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

- Introduction to the day
- Framing the theme: *"Digital realities in boarding life"*

SPEAKERS: **Mike Grenier**, Deputy Head Pastoral, Eton College & **David Walker FTIOB**, Director, BSA

09:45 - 10:30 | KEYNOTE SESSION: ONLINE SAFETY IN A CONNECTED WORLD

- Navigating digital risks and responsibilities
- Safeguarding in an ever-evolving online landscape

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10:30 - 10:35 | LEG- STRETCH

10:35 - 11:20 | DEBATE: DEVICES AND THE DIGITAL CHILDHOOD

- "Do smartphones belong in young people's lives?"
- Insights from the SmartPhone-Free Childhood initiative

SPEAKER: Will Orr-Ewing, Smartphone Free Childhood



11:20 - 11:45 | BREAK

11:45 - 12:30 | RADICAL INFLUENCES: UNDERSTANDING THE MANOSPHERE

- Exploring the rise of radical online ideologies
- Impacts on identity, belonging, and gender perception

SPEAKER: Dr Jwana Aziz, Research Fellow, Applied Health Sciences, University of Birmingham



12:30 - 13:15 | LUNCH

13:30 - 14:00 | MENTAL HEALTH - WHAT THE RESEARCH DOES AND DOESN'T SAY

SPEAKER: Aidan Peters, School Counsellor, Eton College

14:00 - 15:00 | ADDRESSING THE 'WHY' RATHER THAN THE 'WHAT' OF SEXTING IN THE UK

SPEAKER: Dr Jon Needham, Director of Safeguarding, Oasis Community Learning



15:00 - 15:10 | BREAK

15:10 - 15:35 | STRENGTHENING THE HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP IN A DIGITAL WORLD

SPEAKER: Will McNeil, Sales Manager, Overnet Data

15:35 - 16:20 | YOUNG PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCES OF THEIR DIGITAL WORLD AT BOARDING SCHOOL

In this powerful and candid session, a diverse panel of boarding pupils will share their experiences, challenges, and aspirations related to life in digital boarding environments. Through guided discussion and live audience Q&A, the session aims to centre pupil voice in shaping the future of pastoral care, online learning, and digital community building in boarding schools.

SPEAKER: Alice Vicary-Stott, Director of Safeguarding, Eton College

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16:20 - 16:30 | CLOSING REFLECTIONS AND NEXT STEPS

Group insights, future planning and resources, and a final Q&A

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16:30 | CONFERENCE CLOSE

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College Field

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