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Dear Parent/Guardian

Growth and Social Media Awareness Evening

I would like to invite you to two events happening at George Spencer Academy on **Thursday 12th September**. The Growth evening is an active, light-hearted look at the Growth Curriculum that your child will be following at George Spencer. We are very proud of the program, it has been nationally recognised, is innovative and is fundamentally the keystone upon which we build our curriculum at the school. Your attendance at the evening will give you an insight into the kinds of activities the students will be engaged in during their Growth lessons as well as some of the skills and techniques they will develop to support their learning across the curriculum. We will also detail other aspects of your child's experience in year 7 such as the Challenge Days and how we will report on their progress.

George Spencer Academy is committed to promoting the safe and responsible use of the internet. We feel it is our responsibility to raise this particular issue as a growing concern, due to the increase in in-appropriate use of Snapchat, Facebook and other social media outlets with students across the country. We understand that it is increasingly difficult to keep up with all of this new and ever-changing technology, in an effort to support you with this we would like to invite you to a short presentation in the conference centre.

During the presentation, we aim to share some of the issues we have had to deal with, in an attempt to highlight the worrying culture that has developed. The aim is to ensure we support, advise and educate all parties in order to develop a safe and responsible attitude to the use of Social Media.

The evening is for **Parents only**. We will have two sittings for each session.

The P half year group evening (students in 7CJ, 7CC, 7AWA, 7THB & 7STA/ML) will start at **4:30pm in the hall** for the Growth presentation followed by the Social Media presentation at **5.30pm in the conference centre**.

For S half students (students in 7DHA, 7STN, 7BN, 7RT, 7HRA & 7MM), the evening **will start at 5.00pm** with the Social Media Awareness presentation in the **conference centre**, followed by the Growth evening at **5.30pm in the Hall**. Parking will only be available on Lower Site. If you require disabled access to Upper Site please contact the school office.

I hope you are able to attend what should be an enjoyable and informative evening and gain a head start in supporting your child's educational development throughout their time with us here at George Spencer.

Please complete the reply slip below and return to the Year 7 office. Please return the attached slip by Wednesday 11th September. Alternatively contact your child's learning manager.

Should there be any problems concerning these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr L Richardson

Director of Learning Year 7

Please return to the Year 7 office by Wednesday 11th September or alternatively contact your child's learning manager if you are not planning to attend.

Pupil's name: Form:

I/We will be attending the Year 7 Parents' Growth/Social Media Evening on Thursday 12th September.

Signed: