

The law around what we do on the internet



On Wednesday morning, PCSO Louise Rothery presented an assembly to High School about the law and how certain activity online can be a criminal offence.

She began her presentation looking at what 60 seconds of time looks like in terms of internet use. In a 60 second period, over 210,000 snaps are uploaded onto Snapchat, more than 156 million emails are sent and over 3.8 million google searches are made! She then went on to explain that what we put online stays online forever (which includes Snapchat!) and that should the police need to, they can download every single Snapchat conversation someone has ever had, even if the messages are no longer on their phone.

The pupils were asked to consider the three C's; Content, Contact & Conduct. Finally, Louise went onto talk about what type of online behaviour would be classed as a criminal offence, at which point there were a number of wide eyes and serious faces from pupils in the PAC! Louise left the pupils with the following thoughts:

- Think about your actions and what you do
- Think about consequences and where your actions might lead
- Don't share all content you receive
- Challenge online behaviour with friends
- TALK

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