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JPSA Newsletter

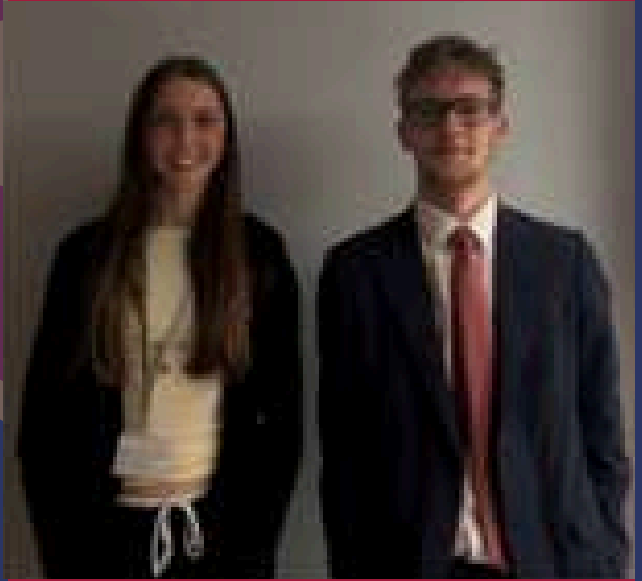
Monday 18th May 2026

John Port
Spencer Academy





Congratulations to our new Head Students:
Imogen K and Aiden R



Dear Parents/Carers

As we move further into the summer term, I am incredibly proud of the positive start our students have made across so many areas of school life.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate our Year 11 and Year 13 students, who have approached the exam season with maturity, resilience and determination. The calm, focused manner in which they have begun their examinations is a real credit to them and reflects the hard work they have put in throughout the year. We wish them every success as the exam period continues and are confident that their efforts will be rewarded. A reminder that there is a daily revision breakfast available for all of our Year 11 and 13s.

Alongside this, it was wonderful to see so many students and parents supporting the Well Dressing. Students created a beautiful design, celebrating 100 years of Winnie the Pooh, and it was lovely to see our incredibly talented band being cheered by such large crowds.

We are also delighted to introduce our new student leadership team. As our Year 13 students focus on their examinations, it is fantastic to see the next group of student leaders stepping forward with confidence and enthusiasm. We know they will play an important role in shaping our school community, embodying our values and supporting our school community.

Miss O'Leary
Principal



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Key Dates

Term Dates:

Half Term 5 - 13th April 2026 - 22nd May 2026

Half Term 6 - 1st June 2026 - 23rd July 2026

INSET Days:

26th June 2026

May/June:

Summer Exams ~ 7th May - 17th June

School Events:

Tuesday 19th May	Solutions for the Planet Regional Final
Thursday 21st May	Royal Society of Chemistry Analyst Day - Year 12
Friday 22nd May	Students break up for Half Term
Monday 1st June	Students return
Tuesday 9th June	Junior Kangaroo (Maths Challenge)
Tuesday 9th June	Mathematical Olympiad
Tuesday 16th June	Year 12 Geography Field Trip (Birmingham)
Wednesday 17th June	Sheffield Hallam Uni - Sport Conference Trip
Wednesday 17th June	Mind Charity Concert
Fri 19th - Sun 21st June	DofE Expedition
Wednesday 25th June	Nottingham Trent Uni Lectures Taster Day
Friday 26th June	INSET DAY

Save the Date:

Thursday 25th June	Online Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening
30th June & 1st July	Year 6 Transition Days
Tuesday 7th July	Sixth Form Taster Day



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JPSA Transition

Year 6 Transition Days:

Tuesday 30th June 2026
Wednesday 1st July 2026

We are busy preparing for the Induction Days on Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 1st July 2026. A booklet will be provided for students including all the information they will need. In the meantime, here's a heads up on what students will need to bring with them:

- Please wear your current school uniform. Please wear trainers in case you have a PE lesson.
- Please bring a pencil case containing: Pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, colouring pencils.
- Ensure that you have a bag to carry all of this equipment.
- Bring a drink and a snack for break time and lunch if you want to bring your own packed lunch.



Key Transition Dates

Year 6 Transition Days:
Tuesday 30th June 2026
Wednesday 1st July 2026

Year 12 Taster Day:
Tuesday 7th July 2026

Meet the Tutor Evening:
Tuesday 30th June 2026

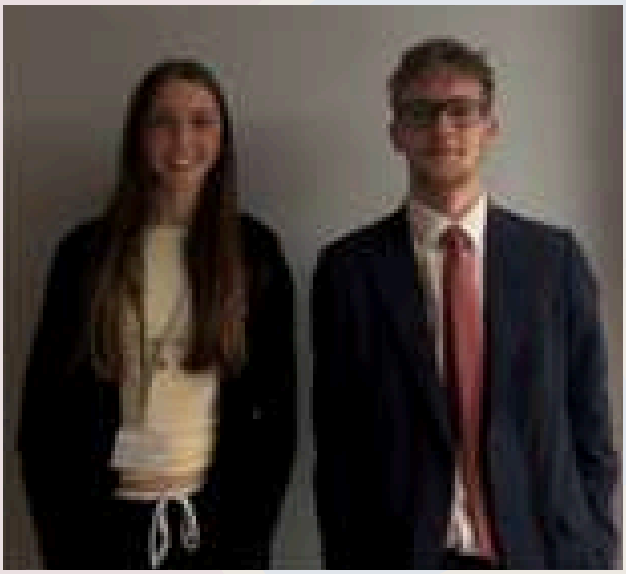


Student Leadership

The time has come for a new student leadership team to take the reins now that our Year 13s are busy with exams. Introducing our new team:

Head Students:

Imogen K and Aiden R



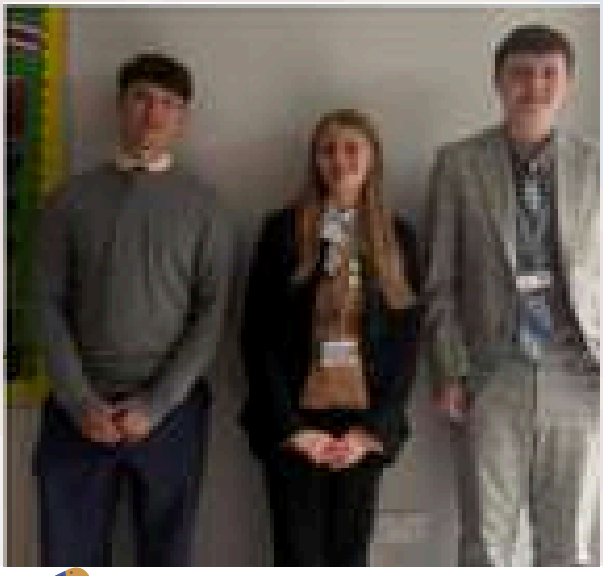
Deputy Head Students:

Gia B and Olivia E



Charity Leads:

Max S, Will H and Grace S



Heads of Student Council:

Grace Y, Keira P and Evelyn S





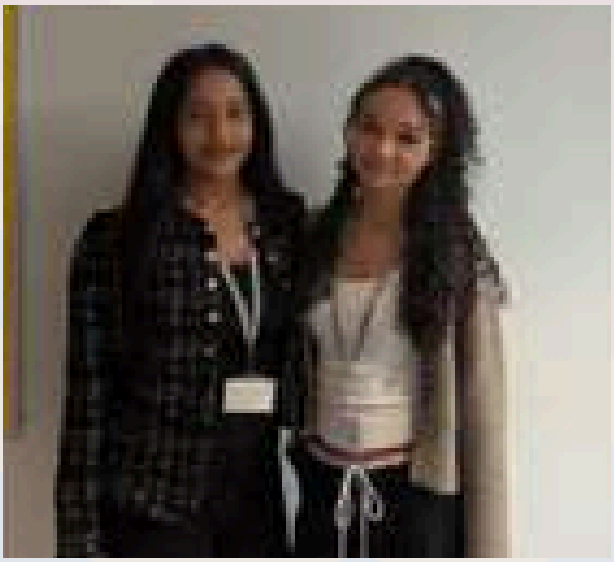
Mentoring Leads:

Betty G, Emily W and Harmony B



Heads of Diversity:

Esha J and Ella M



Mental Health Leads:

Olivia B, Charlotte S and Evie M



Sport and Enrichment Lead:

Evie N



Environment Lead:

Avani C



Miss Wiggins and the sixth form team are excited to get started.

Thank you to our brilliant Year 13s who have done a fantastic job this year, good luck in your exams



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Well Dressing

It has been wonderful to see students engaging in creative and community-focused activities, particularly with the development of this year's Well Dressing installation.
We are excited to share this year's beautiful design, celebrating 100 years of Winnie the Pooh.



Theatre Visit

This week students enjoyed a visit to watch the smash hit musical Mamma Mia at Birmingham Hippodrome.



Progress



SPARX LEADERBOARDS

Well done to our current leaders!





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From Classroom to the Screen



Last year, Ava H was encouraged by her agent to submit a self-tape request for a BBC Drama. Within 24 hours, they got the call to say she had booked the job!

In September 2025, Ava stayed away from home for 2 weeks in Bridgend, Cardiff. She worked long hours, but had lots of fun and laughs with the cast and crew, was chaperoned daily on set and tutored in her very own trailer. She even wanted to do all her own stunts.



Ava had an amazing opportunity to see what goes on behind the scenes, including all the props and the make up for injuries – she even had one herself.





Success









A Letter from YMCA

“I am writing to you on behalf of everyone at YMCA, to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous donation of Easter Eggs.

This act of kindness helped our residents’ and learners’ Easter celebration truly special and brought so much joy to those who received it. Your contribution made a meaningful difefrence, creating a fun and memorable experience filled with smiles, laughter and a real sense of community.

We are egg-stremley grateful for all the Easter egg donations! Thanks to you we were able to exceed our target of 440 easter eggs and make sure all our children, young people and beneficiaries received a treat!

On behalf of everyone at YMCA Derbyshire and Padley, thank you once again for helping make our Easter celebration so wonderful!“





Act

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24 Hour Readathon to raise money for Kleefstra Syndrome UK

Hi my name is Poppy and I am doing a 24 hour readathon, spread over the weekend of the 23rd and 24th of May, in order to raise money for Kleefstra Syndrome UK.

Scan the QR code to donate to my GoFundMe!

Kleefstra syndrome (Ks) is a rare genetic disorder characterised by intellectual disability, often accompanied by a spectrum of complex physical and clinical features. The predominant cause of Ks is a tiny piece missing (known as a deletion) from near the end of chromosome 9. My friend Flo has Kleefstra so I would like to do all that I can to help her and other families affected by the syndrome.

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Sponsored Readathon Challenge

Deadline: Friday 22nd May 2026



Get a sponsor card from your Form Tutor

Show your paid sponsor(s) to your English teacher to be entered into the Easter Egg Raffle for your year group!

Get sponsored per book/minute of reading...



Raise as little as 50p

All money raised funds the provision of books and storyteller visits for children in

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Attendance Matters



WHY YOUR ATTENDANCE MATTERS!!!

Students with GREEN attendance rating (97% or higher) achieved 1 ½ grades higher in each of their GCSEs than students with a RED attendance rating (below 90%). The results are similar at A Level.

Unlock Rewards

Red	< 90%
Red Amber	90 - 93%
Amber	94 - 95.9%
Amber Green	96 - 96.9%
Green	97+ %



Attendance postcard rewarded every half term

Weekly mentions as part of Feel Good Friday

DID YOU KNOW?



Poor attendance could lead to you earning around **£10,000** less by the time you're 28 compared to someone who shows up to school almost every day.

The John Port Experience

Athletics Events

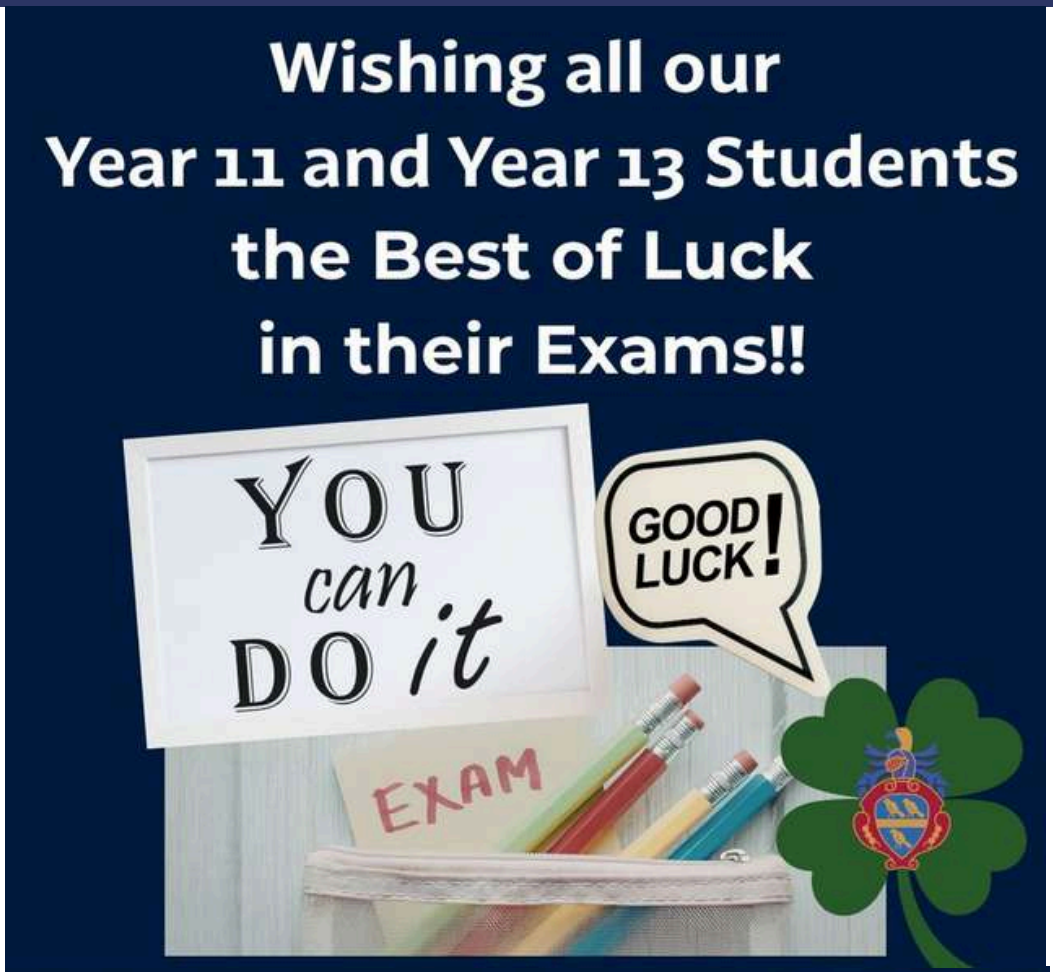
Well done to all our athletes who have represented John Port in events this week. On Tuesday night, our athletes competed against other Burton District Schools at Shobnall Athletics Track. On Tuesday, our athletes competed in the ESAA Track and Field Cup for the first time. All our athletes competed with determination and pride and should be proud of their efforts.

Stand out results from the Track and Field Cup (Shoball results will be posted once received!):
Maisey W - 3rd Year 7/8 Girls 100m
Ava H - 1st Year 9/10 Girls 100m
Freya H - 2nd Year 9/10 Girls 200m
Lucy D - 3rd Year 9/10 Girls 300m
Lucy V - 3rd Year 9/10 Girls 800m
Freya H, Lucy V, Molly M, Rosie B 2nd Year 9/10 Girls 4x100m Relay
Ava H - 1st Year 9/10 Girls Long Jump
Ben M - 1st Year 7/8 Boys 100m
Harry S - 1st Year 7/8 Boys 200m
Oscar D, Tom L, Ben M, Harry S - 1st Year 7/8 Boys 4x100m Relay
Gabriel O - 1st Year 7/8 Boys Long Jump

The next athletics opportunity for our athletes is the Derbyshire Schools Athletics Championship on Saturday 13th June. Information about this event will be shared with parents/students soon.



The John Port Community





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Careers



This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

Listen to this newsletter

Insight into University is a comprehensive virtual experience allowing students to explore STEM studies at university including degree apprenticeships and the career opportunities that these subjects lead to. It provides access to information on university and student life, STEM projects and activities set by leading UK universities and global STEM companies, first year undergraduate lectures, live interactive sessions with academics, admissions tutors, apprentices, employers and current students. There is a cost but bursary available if you meet the criteria.

Are there lots of questions about university going around in your head? Would you like to know what it's like before you take the leap and apply for a STEM university degree? Well now you can - with EDT's Industrial Cadets Residential Insight into University experiences, you get the chance to try out a STEM degree subject at leading universities throughout the UK. Each opportunity has it's own eligibility criteria.

There are two new areas to explore on the Springpod website:

- Networks - This feature allows you to discover companies aligned to your interests. You can enrol in unique programmes and unlock additional opportunities.
- Opportunities - This is where you can discover internships, jobs, apprenticeships with employers.

Logistics is like solving a giant real-life puzzle—one that actually helps the planet. Every day, people in logistics figure out faster routes, reduce pollution, and keep the world's goods moving smoothly. Futures for All are joined by Generation Logistics & ASDA to unpack how a career in logistics makes a real difference. You'll be hearing from Oli Hunt, the role of Senior Director for Central Logistics at ASDA, a role that offers huge variety!

With careers tools, course tasters, apprenticeship vacancies, city guides, and more, the UCAS Hub shines a light on your future, your way. Start by exploring your options, favouriting subjects, and using our handy tools.

JOB OF THE WEEK

Fire Safety Engineer

A fire engineer has an important role. They use science and engineering principles to protect people and property from the devastating effects of fires. Fire engineers design fire safety measures, conduct risk assessments and ensure the structural integrity of buildings.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

There are concerns around the availability of STEM skills in the UK workforce. 49% of engineering and technology businesses report difficulties with recruitment because of skills shortages. This makes STEM a great area to focus your development as you'll be in demand!
Source

If you have any questions or need support, please email RLowndes@johnportspencer.org.uk



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Think the RAF is just about flying? Think bigger. Explore careers. Build real skills. Prove your potential. The RAF virtual work experience platform allows you to explore RAF careers, develop your skills and prepare for your future.



If you're looking to explore careers in the Armed Forces but are unsure whether the Army, Air Force or Navy is best for you, this guide on the Government website is a good place to start.



Unibuddy is a feature on the UCAS website that allows you to speak to current university students. You can filter the list by university or subject to find students with similar interests to you. You can ask them about their journey, application tips or what university life is really like. This is a great way to get honest opinions.



"Young Enterprise is for everyone, not just the loudest in the room or the top of the class. If you're curious, creative, ambitious (or even a little unsure), there's something here for you. Through our programmes, you'll figure out how to manage money, develop employability skills and maybe even launch a business. More than that, you'll grow your confidence, discover what you're capable of and start shaping your own path."



From construction and operations, to marketing and HR, there's a career in nuclear for you. This three minute quiz will help you identify your strengths and align them with exciting opportunities within the sector. Simply select the options that best resonate with your professional aspirations and skillset to discover a new professional path.



The Forage is a catalogue of free, virtual "job simulations" designed to help you explore careers and build practical skills. Each simulation typically takes a few hours and is created in partnership with major employers, giving a "day-in-the-life" preview of different careers. They're free, require no application or prior experience, and are meant to help you gain confidence, explore roles, and prepare for job applications.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"When you join the European Space Agency, you join an international and friendly environment that offers a range of benefits and services provided on site. These may vary from establishment to establishment."

They have a 15 places to join their Junior Professional Programme, designed for Masters graduates.

Find out more about Careers at ESA here.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"The University of Bath offer courses in engineering, humanities, management, science and social science. We're highly ranked in independent league tables for overall performance, student satisfaction and graduate employment."

You can learn more about the University of Bath here.

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UK Electronics Skills Foundation



Girls into Electronics

Aston University Birmingham

3 July 2026

Discover Electronics on a one day course at a leading university.

A unique opportunity for girls aged 14-17.

- Hear from women who are working in the Electronics industry
- Attend a sample lecture, a department tour and meet current students
- Get hands-on with Electronics activities
- Find out about rewarding careers in the Electronics industry (green energy – artificial intelligence – healthcare – consumer electronics – autonomous & electrical vehicles)
- Invitation to apply for the Apple Mentoring Program

"This event was genuinely career altering... I can truly see myself having a career in Electronics/ Engineering."
Girls into Electronics Participant 2025

To sign up or find out more information:
ukesf.org/girls-into-electronics

SCAN ME!

Careers

LEARNING SUPPORT @DCG

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PARENTS AND CARERS
TRANSITION EVENT

TUESDAY 16TH JUNE 2026 4:00PM

DERBY COLLEGE GROUP - ROUNDHOUSE CAMPUS

This event is aimed at Parents and Carers of supported children and young people (CYP) who are exploring the potential of starting their studies at DCG for September 2026.

Join us for an informative event that will explore the support available to your CYP. You will learn more about the resources, guidance, and assistance on offer to ensure a smooth transition into College life.





SCAN TO REGISTER YOUR PLACE AT THIS EVENT

If you require any further information please contact:

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Online Safety



What's On in the Local Area

Removing Barriers to Education: Understanding Anxiety and Emotionally-Based School Avoidance

DERBYSHIRE PARENT CARER VOICE

Are you supporting a child who is anxious about school or struggling to attend? Join us for a friendly and informative session designed especially for parent carers.

Thursday 9th June 2026
1:30pm - 2:30pm
Online session
Facilitated by: Jennie Turner, Educational Psychologist (DCC)

What we'll cover:

- What anxiety is and how it may present in your child
- The impact anxiety can have on you as a parent/carer
- An introduction to Emotionally-Based School Avoidance (EBSA), including insights from Derbyshire research
- Practical strategies to support your child and reduce barriers to education

For more information and to book your place please visit https://derbyshireparentforums.co.uk/

What's On in the Local Area



What's On in the Local Area

🪖 Back by popular Demand - This Summer: Army Skills Camp at Skills Street

Ready to take summer to the next level? At Skills Street, we're bringing you an unforgettable Teambuilding and Army Fieldcraft Skills Camp, built in collaboration with the Army 🪖

This is no ordinary experience... Start your day with an action-packed morning at Skills Street, then step into a 24-hour overnight Army-led camp where young people will be challenged, inspired, and pushed beyond their comfort zones

💪 Build confidence
🤝 Strengthen teamwork
🧠 Develop real-world skills
🚀 Grow leadership abilities
👥 Ages 15–18
⚠️ **Limited spaces available**

This is more than a camp — It's an experience they'll never forget, with skills they'll carry for life.

📍 Skills Street, Sheffield, S26 5QW
🗓️ Wed 19 Aug 2026, 9:00AM to Thu 20 Aug 2026, 1:30PM

👉 Secure your place now: https://www.ticketsource.com/skills-street/t-dkkerye

Please note: This is an educational partnership. The Army does not charge and receives no payment.

Safeguarding

Omoggle

We wanted to let you know about a new keyword that we've recently added to Smoothwall Monitor: **Omoggle**.

What is Omoggle?

Omoggle is a new anonymous video chat site where users are paired with strangers and rated on their appearance by an AI algorithm. It's become a popular platform within the "mogging" trend where people are compared and ranked based on their looks and has been gaining significant traction across platforms such as Twitch and TikTok, particularly among younger audiences.

Why is it a concern?

The site's anonymous nature means young people can end up in an unmoderated space being judged on how they look, with no oversight. This kind of content is linked to body image issues, low self-esteem, and bullying, and it's particularly concerning for younger users. Beyond this, 'mogging' culture has strong links to incel-adjacent communities and Nihilistic Violent Extremism (NVE) - an area we've been closely monitoring and have made significant adjustments to our ruleset for. This makes Omoggle particularly concerning from a safeguarding perspective.

How has Smoothwall Monitor been updated?

We've added 'Omoggle' to our keyword list. Any searches or activity containing this term will be flagged as an alert, to help identify students who may be trying to access the site or engaging with this type of content.



Safeguarding



Our latest Safeguarding Parent Newsletter is available here:

JPSA Parent/Carer Safeguarding Newsletter



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