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Issue 5

Happy New Year!

We start this year with a Financial Exploitation awareness campaign focused on the topic of money muling, which is particularly relevant to young people aged 16+. We'll send an email to all KS5 establishments containing more information, including a link to a new resource hosted on our [webpage](#) which can be used directly by students themselves (as well as by staff!).

We are fully booked for school visits for this academic year. If you would like to join our waiting list in case of any change in availability, please get in touch via our [mailbox](#) telling us which topic you are interested in and for which year group.

Focus on Online Safety

- * [February 8th - Safer Internet Day](#) –Educational resource packs are available according to age group: includes activities, lesson plans and assembly slides. There is also one aimed at parents and carers.
- * [Internet Watch Foundation TALK](#) – encouraging parents and carers to talk to their children about grooming in terms of online sexual abuse.
- * [LGfL resource centre](#) – a free resource, searchable by topic. You can also sign up for email updates.
- * [TikTok guardians' guide](#) – information for parents and carers about proper use of the platform and how to keep their children safe.
- * [TeenTech Cyber Choices](#) – resources for teachers, parents/guardians: helping young people develop cyber skills

Trylife – a superb new “interactive drama series” where “you make the choices. You are the director.”

Choose an episode and at certain points the action pauses so that questions can be posed. “Should Michael make fun of Jacob’s home life?” The story continues and the consequences of the choices made by the user are played out. It’s thought provoking and thoroughly enjoyable. There are six episodes to choose from – five being available now – each one being based around a central character. The topics covered are:

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| 1 Sophie – Substance misuse, sexual health and consent | 4 Shane – Isolation, loneliness and covid |
| 2 Aaliyah – knife crime and drug misuse | 5 Avani – Grooming (coming soon) |
| 3 Jacob – mental health and relationships | 6 Jessica – Young parents and perinatal health |

Click [here](#) for a more in-depth description of TryLife

Radicalisation – useful links

- * [ACT Early](#) – spotting the signs that someone could be at risk of radicalisation or is being radicalised.
- * [The law and online extremism](#) – a resource raising awareness of extremist behaviour and material online: case studies and associated activities are designed to promote discussion with students.
- * [educate.against.hate](#) – lots of resources for staff and parents all in one place, including assembly plans and classroom resources.

Tackling Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB)

- * [Beyond referrals HSB toolkit](#) – “can help schools recognise harm and create safety for students in their settings.”
- * NEW [HSB Support service helpline](#) – “service for professionals in tackling HSB... It can support with changing the culture that Ofsted highlighted in their report around sexual abuse in schools.”

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