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Dear Parents and Carers, **November 26**

Many of our pupils will be aware that *Grand Theft Auto VI (GTA 6)* is due to be released on **Thursday 19 November**. It is one of the most talked-about game releases in recent years and many young people will have already seen content about it online or heard friends discussing it.

We wanted to make parents aware that the game has been given a **PEGI 18** rating, which means it is intended for **adults only**. This rating reflects the content within the game and is not simply a guide to how difficult the game is to play.

According to the published ratings information, the game contains graphic violence, drug use, sexual content, strong language and opportunities to make in-game purchases. Players take on the role of criminals and much of the gameplay centres around criminal activity.

As a school, we would encourage parents to think carefully before allowing children access to this game, whether at home, through friends, or via online accounts that may belong to older siblings or family members.

You can support your child by:

- following the PEGI age rating guidance;
- using parental controls on consoles and online accounts;
- checking what your child is watching on platforms such as YouTube, TikTok and Twitch;
- talking openly about online safety and age-appropriate content.

We would also ask parents to keep an eye on routines around sleep and screen time. Major game releases can sometimes result in pupils staying up later than usual, which can have a significant impact on concentration, behaviour and learning in school. Please help us by ensuring children get enough sleep and continue to attend school punctually every day.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any concerns about your child's online activity or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Patel
Vice Principal