



Dear Parent/Guardian,

I'm pleased to inform you that Wapping High school is currently taking part in an exciting pilot scheme run by the education technology company, Century.

As part of their Skills & Enrichment programme, year 7 students have been enrolled on an interactive platform called 'Story'. Designed to be used mainly as an app on a smartphone, Story allows students to upload photos and videos of school work, sports events and other character-building activities and collate them into a 'Story' to showcase to future colleges, universities and/or employers. Students 'tag' skills that they've developed and write reflections on how they've overcome challenges.



### **What can be uploaded to Story?**

Pictures and videos can be uploaded at any time. Anything that your child is proud of can be shared on their profile. This can be anything from classwork and homework to activities they do after school or in their community that help to define them as a person.

### **How is my child kept safe online?**

We take online safety very seriously. Story cannot be accessed by anyone who isn't linked to our organisation. Contact information can't be shared and content that is uploaded is subject to human moderation at Century headquarters and also in school. Students can only view other students' stories if they are in the same class. Comments or direct messaging is not available on the Story app.

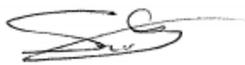
## Why is Wapping High involved in this pilot?

We're always looking for ways to anticipate the challenges that students will face when they leave our school. In an ever changing and competitive world, employers and institutions are beginning to look beyond traditional grading to assess a young person. We want students to be at an advantage in every aspect of their life. We believe that Story could help them to do this by providing a cumulative and comprehensive timeline of all their accomplishments.

## How can I participate as a parent/guardian?

We encourage all parents and guardians to be as involved as they feel they can be. Your child can show you their Story profile at any time. They can share their achievements and their hard work as well as their reflection on how they develop their skills in and outside of school. Consequently, it will encourage them to take pride in small and large accomplishments and document them online; remember that posts can be shared, edited or removed at any time.

If you have any questions then please feel free to contact me. Many thanks for your continued support,



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