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Dear Colleagues,

There are no cake pictures this week although please do keep sending them in. Instead, there is a focus on the bread and butter issue of digital security. Our ever-vigilant team want to highlight the following:

Impersonation Of Senior Leadership (and not as part of a stand-up comedy routine)

Some staff have been receiving emails or SMS/WhatsApp messages purporting to be from me, members of the Senior Leadership Team, Trustees or Tim Burt, asking for phone numbers or to complete a task. Just to reassure you, we will never contact you from personal email accounts, or ask for your phone or WhatsApp number. These messages can be very convincing as scammers use details from third party sources such as LinkedIn or previous data breaches at other companies. If you are unsure of an email/SMS/WhatsApp message, please contact Digital.

Suspicious/Phishing Emails

If you do receive any email containing suspicious links or attachments please contact digital@field-studies-council.org. The Digital team will check it. Please only send a screenshot, not the suspicious email, and include the sender's email address. Only forward the email if asked to do so. If you are unable to send a screenshot, send details and Digital will contact you. Don't ever feel that you are wasting their time - you won't be. They would rather spend time checking suspicious emails than restoring compromised accounts, systems, networks, and devices.

If you receive an email that is clearly a scam/phishing email there is no need to contact Digital, just click the 'Report Message' button in Outlook instead (on the toolbar or via the '3-dots' icon).

Staff Wi-Fi Network

Personal devices such as phones, tablets, games consoles and smart TVs should only be joined to our Visitor Wi-Fi. We need fast and reliable staff Wi-Fi to do our jobs, but we are seeing an increasing number of personal devices taking up precious bandwidth and triggering security alerts. If you bring devices to work or live onsite, please check that your devices are connecting to the correct Wi-Fi network.

Field Studies Council in the Media

On one of the few sunny days in September Nate, Jo and Joy spent a morning recording a [Secret Suffolk BBC Podcast](#) at Flatford Mill. Podcasts allow a lot more to be said than the usual 2- 3 minute interviews. We were particularly fortunate that one of the Generation Green 2 schools were visiting from Hackney and without prompting, delivered a perfect set of our key messages. Peer to peer recommendations are so powerful.

We have worked with Matt Marvel from Radio Suffolk for some time, so saying yes to short notice interview requests has paid off. He searched the BBC archives for us and found a BBC programme *In the Country* all about Flatford Mill from 1979. You can [see it here](#) but he has asked that it does not get shared outside Field Studies Council. The fashions and accents may have changed but it's good to hear and see some of our famous and pioneering staff. What also strikes me is how little Flatford and Angela Rippon have changed! We are trying to think of a way to tempt her back again.

Jo Harris' speech at the recent Welsh Education Show and the media work that we did around the opportunities in the new Curriculum for Wales has been covered in a number of media outlets - [this is just one example](#).

Investors in People (IiP)

As part of our ongoing programme of staff engagement, it will soon be time for our Investors in People (IiP) Survey. You will receive an email from iip@field-studies-council.org on 14 October 2024 (not from boboptimus@aol.com as previously stated in some briefings). The email provides details of what you need to do. Please do share your views by participating in this online survey. Your answers are completely anonymous as the data goes directly to IiP and Field Studies Council only see the collated results. The deadline for all responses is midnight on 27 October 2024. Please help us to understand where improvements need to be made and what works for you now. If you do not receive your email by lunchtime on 14 October 2024, please contact hr@field-studies-council.org

Welcome to Field Studies Council

Abi Rees has joined the team at Bishopswood as Tutor

Akalanka Seeman Mayro Pathiranage has joined the team at Juniper Hall as Hospitality and Catering Assistant

Casual Hospitality and Catering Assistants Hugh McNally have joined the team at Nettlecombe and Jemima (Mima) Semple has returned to Juniper Hall.

Today is World Mental Health Day and you can find a wealth of Health and Wellbeing Resources along with previous Catch Ups on the [Staff News](#) page.

Best regards

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