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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents, Carers,

The half term breaks seems a long time ago now. We are approaching the end of the public examinations and I'm very proud of the way our scholars have taken to them. It is a lot to revise, remember and be motivated to take on each examination, but I hope our scholars can see the light at the end of the tunnel and will be able to enjoy their summer break when it comes.

The school uniform has moved to the Summer Order now, so scholars are not required to wear a blazer. However, with the British weather being temperamental, if they wish to bring their blazer with them, they can do, but they must not replace this with a coat or hoodie. Scholars have access to lockers should they need one.

During the last few days of term and into the half term break, our Year 9 and 10 scholars visited Greece. There is more about this in this edition.

As well as the many extra-curricular clubs that are running during the lunchbreaks and after school, our scholars have also been involved with the KS4 Best of Beths magazine and KS3 Beths Book Podcast. It is wonderful to see a range of talents being utilised.



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Our Sports Day for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 takes place on Thursday 13th June at Erith Stadium. A letter was sent home with further details. Unfortunately, due to the large number we have participating, we cannot have parents spectating on the day.

We hope the weather will be kind to us this year, last year was a very hot day. Please ensure your child has plenty to drink, some snacks, a hat (in case it is hot!) and suncream applied.



13th June – Sports Day at Erith Leisure Centre

17th June – Year 10 Trial Exams commence until 28th June

20th June – Year 12 Parents Evening in person

26th June – Sports Presentation Evening for selected scholars

26th-28th June – New Year 12 Inductions Day

27th June – Final GCSE & A Level public examination day 🎉

28th June – Year 7 reports sent home to parents. Deadline for UCAS reports.

w/c 1st July- Year 12 Work Experience week

2nd July – Year 6 Induction Day and at 18:00 our Summer Concert

5th July – Year 8 camp 1 leaves

11th July – Year 8 camp 1 returns and camp 2 leave and our 2nd Summer Concert takes place at 18:00

17th July – Year 8 camp 2 returns

24th July – last day of term

Have a wonderful weekend,
Richard Blyghton



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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2024

WRITTEN BY KS3 ECO CLUB

What Is It?

- The United Nations Day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action to protect our environment.
- “This year's World Environment Day campaign focuses on land restoration, desertification and drought resilience” - United Nations
- World Environment Day is on June 5th.
- The focus of this World Environment Day is land restoration, desertification, and drought resistance.
- The World Environment Day is being held in Saudi Arabia.

History

- 1972 marked a turning point in the development of international environmental politics:
- The first major conference on environmental issues, was held from June 5 – 16 in Stockholm (Sweden), known as the conference on the Human Environment or the Stockholm Conference.
- Its goal was to forge a basic common outlook on how to address the challenge of preserving and enhancing the human environment

How to Help

- Organise or participate in community events.
- Reduce / Re-use / Recycle.
- Conserve water and energy
- Support sustainable Food Choices
- Advocate for positive policies for the environment
- Connect with Nature



Eco Club

Eco-Club has been growing vegetable plants and if you want one for FREE then go to A4 any day after school to collect one. We have tomatoes, carrots, and cucumber plants. Reduce your carbon footprint by growing your own vegetables!



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STUDENT SUCCESS

A massive congratulations to Omar 9H who has recently written and published his own book "The Devious Plot". Here is a little summary about the book.



About me

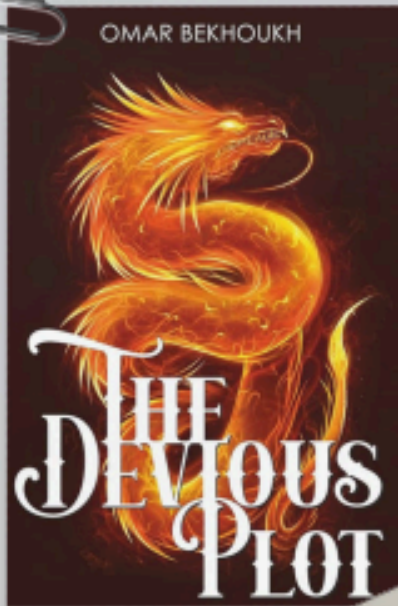
Hello,
I am Omar, a current student at Beths Grammar School, and I'm excited to share with you my recent accomplishment. I've published a book called "The Devious Plot."

If you're ready to embark on a journey into a world of magic and adventure, I invite you to scan the QR code below and order your copy of the book now.

"The Devious Plot" follows the story of Hakim, a young boy who travels through different dimensions to rescue his parents. Join him on this thrilling adventure filled with twists, turns, and unexpected challenges.

Thank you for your support, and I hope you enjoy the magical world I've created within the pages of "The Devious Plot."

Kind regards,
Omar



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YEAR 12 MFL DEBATE COMPETITION AT BEXLEY GRAMMAR

Our Year 12 language students had the opportunity to attend the MFL Debate competition at Bexley Grammar. Congratulations to all those who attended.

Spanish - Winners 1st place

Joshua A
Riley A
Zach H
Asia P

Mandarin - Winners 1st place

Derek TJ
Joel H
Max G

French - 2nd place

Sonny S
Henry O



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MANDARIN - SUBJECT

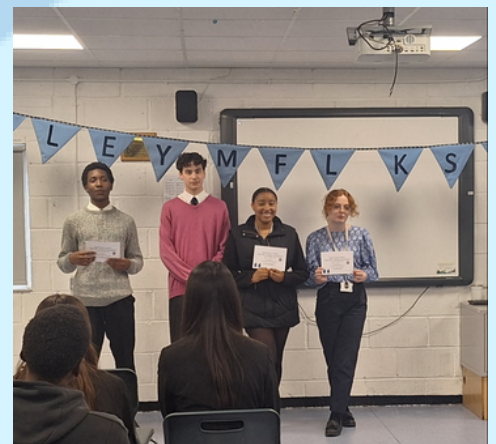
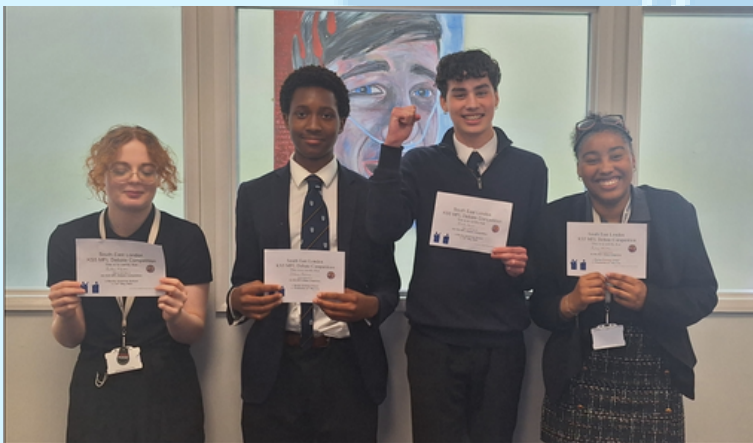
YR 12 Derek TJ

我觉得这个经历是一个非常重要的经历,因为不但是一个可以帮助我提高听说水平的经,而且也是可以让我了解其他人中文学习的之旅。我觉得,在现代,学习一个外国语是年轻人最价值的技能,因为这个让他们学习一个不同的文化,也让他们相互影响,还可以影响更多人。

ENGLISH: I think this experience was a very important experience, because not only was it an experience that would improve my listening and speaking skills, but it was also an experience where I could listen to other people's Chinese learning journey. I think that in modern times, learning a foreign language is the most valuable skill a young person has because it allows them to learn a different culture and also allows them to interact with more people.

2. JOEL H - YEAR 12

这个星期三,一些我们学校的学生去了贝克斯利文法学校参加一个辩论比赛,辩论的题目是人工智能对教育是危害的工具,我方不得不反对这个题目,辩论人工智能的好处大于坏处。虽然我们的对方贝克斯利文法学校比我方使用了更多复杂的语言,也使用了更多复杂语法,但是我方使用更正式的辩论语言。由于每双方出色地辩论,所以我们最终都赢了比赛。这个经历不但让我们发展自己的信心,而且提高我们的口语水平,所以我认为这对我们的口语考试很有益。我们对贝克斯利文法学校表示感谢组织这个竞争,也感谢我们的老师们帮助我们准备优秀的答案。



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English:

Last Friday, A selection of Beths Grammar School students attended a debate competition at Bexley Grammar School. The debates motion was 'AI is a dangerous new tool in education', which our team had to oppose, and argue that AI's advantages outweigh its disadvantages. Bexley grammar school used complex language and grammar structures than our team, our team used more formal language suitable for the debate environment. As both teams debated outstandingly, we both won the competition. This experience has both allowed us to develop our self-confidence; and improve our speaking level, which I feel will benefit us in next year's speaking exams. We would like to thank Bexley Grammar School for organising this event; and would also like to thank our teachers for helping us prepare excellent responses.

SPANISH

Amara MI - YR 12 Spanish

Concurso de debate Lenguas Modernas

Participé en un concurso de debate de la MFL en el que debatimos el uso de AI en la educación. Esta experiencia reveladora me presentó a otros estudiantes como yo y me dió la oportunidad de investigar los peligros de AI en profundidad, un concepto del que sabía muy poco. Poner mis propios argumentos y escuchar los de los demás realmente me dejó cuestionando y despertó mi curiosidad.

Disfruté mucho del evento, ya que pude desarrollar mis habilidades de debate y me enseñó a comunicar mis pensamientos y opiniones de manera elocuente al equipo contrario. Aprender un idioma a nivel A me ha ayudado a profundizar mi comprensión de la sociedad hispana, que puede estar vinculada a otros países de todo el mundo.



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Lo que me encanta de estudiar español es que amplía mi conjunto de habilidades, ya que el contenido es muy variado, hemos estudiado literatura y hemos visto una adaptación teatral y una película. Además estudiamos la historia de España y profundizamos en varios aspectos de la sociedad que no solo me fascinan, sino que también complementan las otras materias que estudio. Por otra parte, proporciona la oportunidad de vincular mis conocimientos y habilidades de mis otras asignaturas. Esta es la razón por la que estudiar un idioma a nivel A proporciona un excelente conjunto de habilidades y lo recomendaría a cualquier persona que esté interesada.

English: I participated in an MFL Debate Competition in which we debated the use of AI in education. This eye-opening experience introduced me to other students much like myself and gave me the opportunity to research the dangers of AI in depth, a concept I knew very little about. Putting forward my own arguments and listening to those of others really left me questioning and piqued my curiosity.

I thoroughly enjoyed the event as I was able to develop my debating skills and it taught me how to communicate my thoughts and opinions eloquently to the opposing team. Learning a language at A level has helped me deepen my understanding of Hispanic society which can be linked to other countries across the world.

What I love about studying Spanish is that it broadens my skill set as the content is highly varied. Also, we have studied literature and seen a stage adaptation and film. We study the history of Spain and delve into various aspects of society which not only fascinates me but also complements the other subjects that I study. On the other hand, it provides the opportunity to crosslink my knowledge and skills from my other subjects. This is why studying a language at A level provides an excellent skill set and I would recommend it to anyone who is interested.



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KEZIAH O YEAR 12

El miércoles tuvimos la oportunidad de asistir a la escuela llamada Bexley Grammar para participar en un debate. Ésto me dió la oportunidad de comunicarme con otros estudiantes de español y desarrollar mis habilidades analíticas. ¡Fue genial escuchar sus opiniones! Creo que continuar con el español en los A-levels fue una excelente decisión, ya que me permite obtener una comprensión más profunda del mundo en general mientras combino una variedad de temas contemporáneos.

English: On wednesday we had the opportunity to attend Bexley Grammar school to participate in a debate. This provided me with a chance to communicate with other Spanish students and develop my analytical skills. It was so great to hear their opinions! I believe continuing Spanish onto a-levels was an excellent decision as it allows me to gain a deeper understanding of the wider world whilst combining a variety of contemporary topics.

ASIA P YEAR 12 SPANISH

Estoy agradecida por la oportunidad de asistir a la competencia de Debate en la escuela Bexley Grammar. Con la ayuda de mis profesores y mis compañeros de clase fuimos capaces de desarrollar puntos claros, tanto a favor como en contra de la declaración dada. Siento que ésta ha sido una valiosa experiencia que me ayuda en mis estudios de español A Level, ya que esta experiencia me ha permitido desarrollar habilidades como la desarrollo de la investigación y la formulación de argumentos que serán útiles para el futuro.

Estoy increíblemente orgullosa de mi equipo por ganar, ya que se mostró claramente nuestro arduo trabajo y dedicación y la esperanza de que en el futuro podamos volver a competir y ganar el primer lugar.



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ENGLISH:

I am grateful for the opportunity to attend the Debate Competition at Bexley Grammar school - with the help of my teachers myself and classmates we were able to develop clear points both for and against the given statement. I feel that this has been a valuable experience in helping me in my A Level Spanish studies since this experience has allowed me to develop skills such as acquiring research and formulating arguments which will be useful going forwards.

I am incredibly proud of my team for winning as it clearly showed our hard work and dedication and hope that in the future, we will be able to go back to compete again.

ZACH H - YEAR 12 SPANISH

El miércoles fuimos al insti de Bexley grammar para asistir a un debate de MFL sobre los peligros de la inteligencia artificial en educación. Ganamos el debate de español y esta fue un gran oportunidad para practicar mis habilidades para hablar y debatir con otros estudiantes. Aprender español A-Level es una gran decisión, ya que te enriquece en la cultura y te enseña sobre el mundo más amplio.

ENGLISH: On Wednesday we went to Bexley grammar school to attend a debate for MFL about the dangers of artificial intelligence in education. We won the Spanish debate, and this was a great opportunity to practice my speaking and debating skills with other students. Learning Spanish A-Level is a great decision as it enriches you in the culture and teaches you about the wider world.



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GREECE TRIP MAY 2024

On the first day of the Classics trip, we had a very relaxed and chill day which was great because everyone was tired from the flight and coach ride. We went to the local park and played some football and went to the café for cold drinks and ice creams.

On the second day, which was the first full day, we boarded the coach to Mycenae which was spectacular, and the tour guide was able to answer all question and tell us about everything there in amazing detail. After that we explored the town of Mykines and the departed for Olympia. At the end of that day, we had a nice game night out in the open air.

On the third day, we checked out at nine and boarded the coach for the Olympia archaeological site. When we arrived at the site everything was ready and our prebooked tickets were handed out and we walked up with the tour guide who was talking about our beautiful surroundings as we went. We then had lunch end explored Olympia town and had free reign over the native foods and souvenirs for offer. We then departed for Delphi and checked in at around 6pm.



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On the last full day, we checked out and boarded the coach for Delphi archaeological site at. Then we had lunch in Delphi and time to explore Delphi town. We then set off back to Athens and had dinner and then went on a beautiful evening stroll around the surrounding area.

Then on the final day we check out at 8am and leave for a guided tour around Athens. We then arrive for a guided tour around the Acropolis, Parthenon, and Ancient Agora. We then have lunch and a guided tour of the Acropolis Museum.

The food across the entire trip was spectacular, especially lunch everyday where you get a choice from the many foods of that Athens has to offer that you would not see in London. The accommodation was also amazing throughout. Overall this was a once in a lifetime experience and I definitely recommend it.

By Lenny H & Leon E (9C)



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KS3 Beths Book Podcast May issue is now available to be viewed online.
This month's edition is a special Wickham issue.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gswTcvj6ls4>

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Best of the Beths student newsletter is now available to be viewed online <https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?title=Best+of+the+Beths+Newsletter&pid=403> . This months issue includes; US Elections - Trump's Trial by Demi 8A, Premier League 23/24 Final Day by Allistair 10H, The History Of The Great Wall Of China by Lucas 8W, Benefits Of Walking To School by Tay 10B and much much more!

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ARTEMIS SPACE MISSION - NASA

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The NASA Artemis mission's aims are to land the first woman and the first person of colour on the surface of the moon. NASA is additionally trying to discover whether Mars is habitable to humans following the gradual increase in global climate change. Furthermore, the Artemis Space Mission encourages the future generation to explore the depths of the earth to its fullest and experience the unknown.

Artemis I
According to NASA there are three steps to the extraordinary breakthrough research mission. The Artemis I was the first in the series and its focus was to enable human exploration in and around the Earth. This mission occurred on the 16th November 2022 and was a flight in which humans were not included. Artemis I took 25 days


Artemis II
Artemis II is focusing on the lunar south pole of the Moon to be able to find water and other critical resources to do long-term explorations about the Moon. The Artemis II will launch in Cape Canaveral in Florida and will leave the port no earlier than September 2025. The Space Launch System (SLS) spacecraft will be launched a quarter of a million miles into space in the Moon's lunar orbit. The four astronauts embarking on this journey are: Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, Christina Koch and Jeremy Hansen. They will be situated in the Orion at the gateway system and will return from the Moon's orbit to enter the Earth's atmosphere and hopefully make a safe landing. To read more about these astronauts click on this link: <https://www.nasa.gov/feature/our-artemis-crew/>



US ELECTIONS - TRUMP'S TRIAL

DEMI TALABI 8A

Donald Trump have been charged for over 30 felonies falsifying business record to commit and conceal crimes, with payments being paid to adult film actress Stormy Daniels. The reason why Donald trump is paying her is because Trump want her to keep quiet about their alleged affair.



Ever since May 25 of this year, Donal Trump have been put on trial and is being Judged by Juan Merchan, a well respected judge. Witnesses have came to testify for the case, the most notable example is Micheal Cohen, who stole thousands from the Trump Organisation and collected 30 mote grand than what he paid to the company(Trump Organisation)in total itself

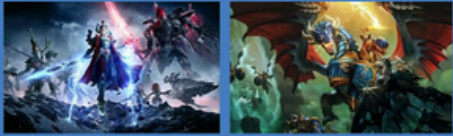
WARHAMMER AT BETHS

TEDDY HENDERSON 8A

What is Warhammer?
Warhammer is a tabletop game in which you put your battle skills to the test. It is split into two games: Warhammer 40K and Warhammer Age of Sigmur. You will need to command an army into victory. Warhammer was released 1987 and is one of the most popular tabletop games in the world; it was founded by Rick Priestly.

Where can you get help?
Games Workshop, the company behind Warhammer, have many shops all over the world that will help you get started. They can give you a 'battle honours' booklet which is a small book that has challenges for you to complete in return for some free merchandise. You also get a free figure when joining the 'battle honours' program. The nearest shop in the local area is in Bromley.

Warhammer Club at Beths
Beths has its very own Warhammer club that takes place after school on Wednesdays in A10 in the DT block. YOU can be a beginner or an experianed player to join. Currently Mr. Reddington is running a competition where you have to create the best Warhammer storage box for all your figures. The winner will receive some free Warhammer related items.



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Did you know?

Conflict between parents, whether together or separated, can have a significant negative impact on child's emotional wellbeing, potentially harming their life outcomes.



To view the video on how harmful parental conflict can negatively impact children scan the QR code.



The Bromley Parenting Hub

Offers a range of information for all parents in the borough, whether together, separated or considering separation who want to find ways to improve their relationship and get along better.

We know and understand that in every relationship there are arguments and conflict. But some couples argue more frequently and intensely. If these arguments and struggles are left unresolved, they can develop and grow which can change your relationships from healthy to unhealthy. Please visit

www.bromleyparentinghub.info to access a guide to living in healthy relationships or scan the QR code.



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KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about PALWORLD

In Palworld, players head out into an environment where they must craft items and survive alongside creatures called 'Pals'. In this sense, it's similar to Minecraft: fight monsters while maintaining a base. Palworld has sold more than six million copies and often has over two million people playing online simultaneously.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MATURE CONTENT

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CENSORED

While Palworld may look cute and cuddly, the game does have its more mature moments. For example, if you try to catch a Pal and don't succeed, the game displays a mild swear word. There are also minor references to inhumane acts like slavery when getting your Pals to perform certain tasks for you. While the presentation is intended to be humorous, this could still be seen as being in poor taste.

VIOLENCE

Palworld has been referred to as "Pokémon with guns" and with good reason. As the game progresses, Pals can be given firearms, explosives and other weapons, allowing them to fight by the player's side. There are several moments where cute animals use these guns to kill other Pals or fight against bosses. The violence is cartoonish and bloodless, but it's present.

SUGGESTIVE WRITING

Some of the Pals' descriptions – found in the game menu – can be very suggestive and adult in nature. The game makes a joke of balancing on the line between age-appropriate and mature content: playing on the contrast between the two while never being outright explicit. While it's possible that younger players won't notice this content, it's just as conceivable that they will.

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ONLINE PLAY

Palworld can be played with other people online. On Xbox, players can only play with people on their friends list. On PC, however, up to 32 players can share in the same game, playing in a large online world, and these players may not necessarily be known to the host beforehand. It can be quite complicated to set up these servers. However, it can be quite complicated to set up these servers (online worlds) and they cost money to keep active.

DIFFICULTY

Despite its endearing visuals, Palworld is actually an extremely difficult game in places: defeating bosses, catching Pals and exploring the environment can all be very tricky. It takes a lot of skill – or working together with a friend – to be successful, which could be off-putting or even aggravating to a player expecting something more like Minecraft or Pokémon.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH GAMEPLAY

Watching gameplay and reviews for Palworld on sites like YouTube is the best available means of gathering information on it, second only to playing it for yourself. Currently, there are plenty of videos showing this game off to the internet at large, along with detailed breakdowns of what can be found or done within it.

LEND A HAND

By learning the basics of the game – Pal catching, battling, crafting items and building up a base – you can help to lower the difficulty for younger players. This, in turn, decreases the likelihood that such players will need to look online for tips and tricks, where they could quite easily stumble across more violent and mature content associated with the game.

SET CONTENT LIMITS

As Palworld is available on Xbox Game Pass, it's easy for players to access it. Any player subscribed to this service can simply find the title on Game Pass and hit the download button. If a child or young person isn't allowed to play Palworld, the best way to prevent them downloading it regardless is to enable age limits on their account. Setting the limit below 12 will not allow users to install Palworld.

PLAY TOGETHER

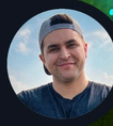
By playing Palworld yourself, you'll have the best chance of catching any content that you don't think is suitable for children, as well as getting an idea of how violence is presented in the game. The conflict is cartoonish in nature – until players and Pals unlock the ability to use guns, at which point it can become more intense. It's likely best for you to give it a look and form your own opinion.

PLACE BOUNDARIES

Limit options when it comes to online play. For players on PC, they'll still be able to cooperate with friends through the game's multiplayer option, much like Xbox users. Just because they have the option to run a dedicated server that's open to anyone doesn't mean they need to take it. The risks of interacting with strangers can be significantly lowered or even eliminated entirely by playing on servers which are restricted to friends only.

Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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