

# Staying Safe at BOA Digital Technologies Academy

## New Technologies

BOA Digital students have unrivalled access to state-of-the-art technologies. New technology plays a large role in your learning and studies. Whether social networking, researching or preparing assignments, you will be online, using computers and other handheld devices. It is very important you stay safe and use common-sense practices. DO NOT give out personal information to people online or share information and photos with people you do not know. DO NOT make comments about other students or staff on social network sites. We use SmoothWall web filtering to ensure the safety of our students whilst online in the academy. Each student must log on to access our network which provides them with unique identification. We are able to monitor the web content visited by students using either academy or personal electronic devices when logged into the network.

For good advice use: [www.thinkyouknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk)  
[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)  
[www.swgfl.org.uk](http://www.swgfl.org.uk)

For safety concerns use: [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)

## Electronic Devices

You are able to use your electronic devices in the academy when authorised by your teachers or during break and lunch times.

**You are not under any circumstances able to charge your electronic devices in the academy due to health and safety.**

## Around the Campus

BOA Digital has a city-centre campus and most of you will be using public transport to travel to and from the academy. Like most city-centres, Birmingham has an excellent safety record, but you are still advised to adopt a sensible approach. The academy is a fifteen minute walk from New Street Station and a ten minute walk from the Bull Ring, the main bus drop-off areas and Moor Street Station. Have a mobile phone with you and let family or friends know when you are expected to be returning home each day. For safety, always walk in groups. **Use Jennens Road to get to the stations and ensure you walk up the steps and over, NOT under the Bullring Centre bridge. It is also NOT advisable to use the Eastside Park as a route to/from BOA. Students are INSTRUCTED NOT TO GO INTO THE PARK and are INSTRUCTED to use Jennens Road to make their way to/from the city centre.**