Study Skills Orientation

for

Year 10 and 11 Parents

Session Three: Online Resources
HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS

CONSIDER THE SOURCE
Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission and its contact info.

READ BEYOND
Headlines can be outrageous in effort to get clicks. What’s the whole story?

CHECK THE AUTHOR
Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?

SUPPORTING SOURCES?
Click on those links. Determine if the info given actually supports the story.

CHECK THE DATE
Reposting old news stories doesn’t mean they’re relevant to current events.

IS IT A JOKE?
If it is too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.

CHECK YOUR BIASES
Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement.

ASK THE EXPERTS
Ask a librarian, or consult a fact-checking site.
“It's not the same. I was caught stealing office supplies. You, on the other hand, got caught stealing ideas.”
Regardless of the complexity or style of the answer required, the process of seeking the answer will always be the same. Remember to...

1. Define
2. Locate
3. Select
4. Organise
5. Present
6. Evaluate
Types of Knowledge – History WW1

• **Common Knowledge** refers to information that could be reasonably understood or known to the majority of people. For example, *Several countries, including France, Belgium and Britain, have great museums dedicated to World War One.*
  - Common Knowledge doesn’t need to be referenced

• **Not Common Knowledge** refers to information that is not generally understood or known to the majority of people. For example, *The immediate trigger of World War One was the assassination of the heir to the throne of the Austro-Hungarian Empire on 28 June 1914.*
  - Not common Knowledge needs to be referenced
An in-text reference needs three things:

**Author Name, Year, Page**

A Bibliography needs six things:

**Author surname, initial, year, title, place and publisher.**
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