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Empowering Students In The Digital Age: Cyber Safety Awareness Program

> *"In today's digital age, cyber safety is as crucial as any other life skill. This program has significantly boosted our students' awareness and preparedness against online threats. "*
> - Ms. Kiran Mathai, Principal
> The Elite English School, Dubai

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On 20th June 2024, our school recently hosted a vital Cyber Safety Awareness program led by Dr. Archana Pandita from the Department of Computer Science at Amity University. The event focused on equipping our students with essential knowledge and skills to navigate the digital world safely.

Key topics covered included:

1. Device Protection: Students learned the consequences of leaving computers and mobile phones unprotected and were taught effective steps to safeguard their tech against cybercrime.

2. Website Safety: The dangers of visiting unsecure and torrent websites were explained, with emphasis on identifying and avoiding risky online destinations.

3. Password Security: Dr. Pandita stressed the importance of strong, unique passwords and demonstrated techniques for creating them.

4. URL Awareness: Students were warned about domains composed entirely of numbers and the potential risks of shortened URLs, which can disguise malicious links.

5. Social Media Safety: The program addressed how to handle harassment, bullying, or stalking on social media platforms, empowering students to protect themselves and seek help when needed.

6. Digital Citizenship: Dr. Pandita emphasized the importance of being responsible digital citizens, covering potential dangers in web browsing, email use, online chatting, and various forms of digital communication.

Dr. Pandita began by introducing students to the current digital threat landscape, highlighting the importance of understanding potential risks in our increasingly connected world. The program then delved into practical strategies for protecting personal devices and data.

By providing students with this knowledge, we aim to ensure they can enjoy the benefits of technology while staying safe and responsible online.

Parents are encouraged to continue these important conversations at home. Together, we can help our students become savvy, secure digital citizens ready to thrive in our interconnected world.

The Elite English School thanks Dr. Archana Pandita and Amity University, Dubai for sparing time to educate our students on this crucial topic.

Cyber Safety Education – Dr. Pandita explaining the importance of online safety.