Cav’s Story

1. At the beginning of Cav’s story, he tells us he is in big trouble with his parents for two reasons. What are these two reasons?

2. Cav mentions someone called Marek. Who is Marek and what makes him different from other students?

3. What does Cav think of Marek initially?

4. What does Cav’s friend Jed think of Marek?

5. Why do you think that Jed feels this way?

6. Jed creates a fake profile about Marek on Face2Face.

a) Face2Face is an example of a social networking site. What is this?

b) Can you name some other examples of social networking sites?

c) Why do you think sites like Face2Face are so popular with young people?

d) What kinds of things would be included in a personal profile?

e) How was Jed able to create a ‘fake profile’ in someone else’s name?

f) What were the details Jed uploaded to Marek’s fake profile?

g) Why do you think he wrote these things about Marek?

h) Do you think that there is anything wrong with what Jed did on Face2Face? Explain your answer.

7. Jed sends anonymous emails to Marek, and encourages Cav to do the same. What is meant by ‘anonymous emails?

8. What kinds of messages were contained in these emails to Marek?

9. Although Cav didn’t have anything personally against Marek, he was willing to join the others in sending hurtful messages. Why do you think he did this?

10. What is meant by the term, ‘cyberbullying’?

11. How do you think Marek would have felt when he read the email messages sent by the boys?

12. What do you think Marek should have done after receiving emails like this?

13. Cav receives an email from BankSave requesting personal details.

(a) Why do you think Cav was so willing to provide personal information?

(b) What do you think he should have done in this situation?

14. What happens as a result of Cav completing the online BankSave form?

15. Phishing is a growing problem for everyone who uses the Internet.

(a) What is meant by ‘phishing’?

(b) Phishing isn’t only restricted to emails. Can you give other examples of how phishing scams reach their victims?

(c) Why do you think that ‘phishing’ is so common today?

(d) What are some of the other possible dangers of responding to a phishing message?

(e) What advice would you give to someone who receives a phishing message?

16. Cav decides to have a party at his house for a small number of his friends, yet over 100 people turn up. How did this happen?

17. What simple step should Cav have taken that would have prevented this disaster from happening?