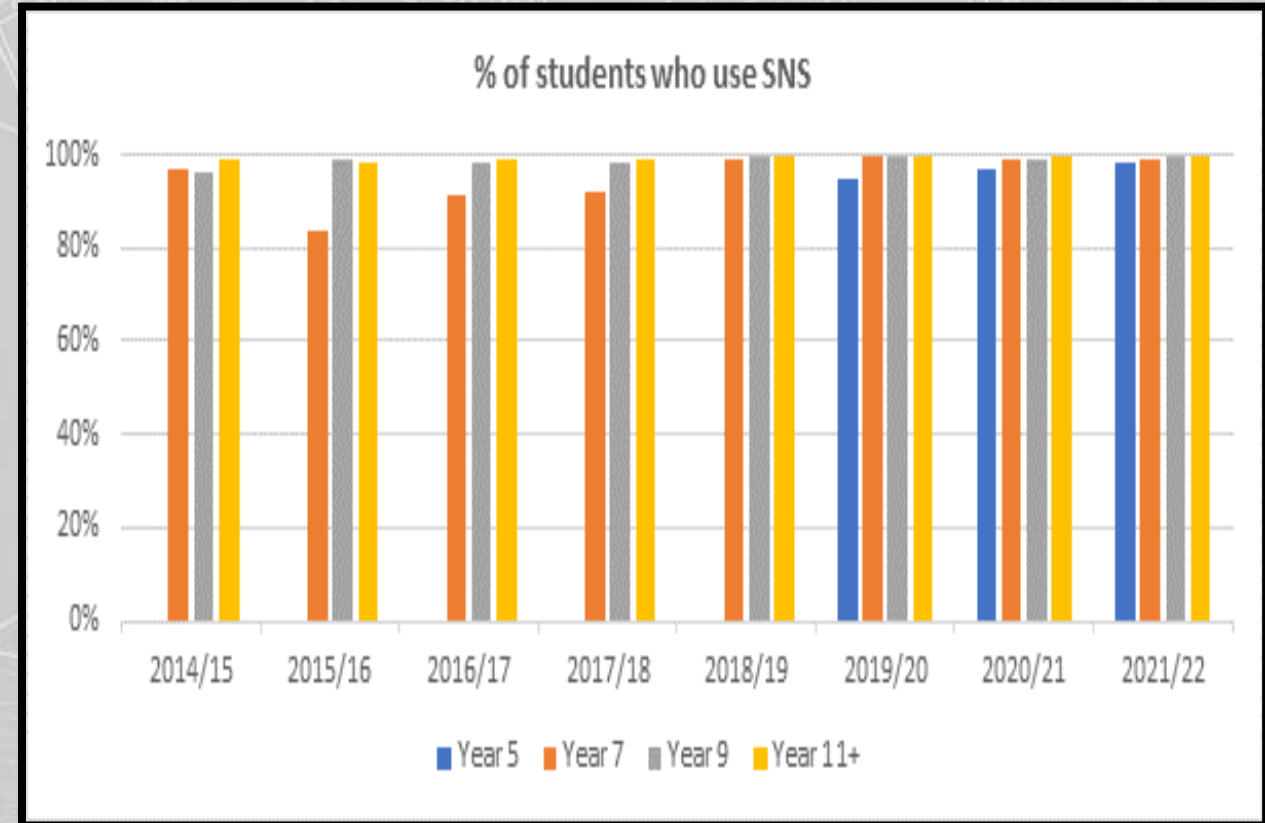


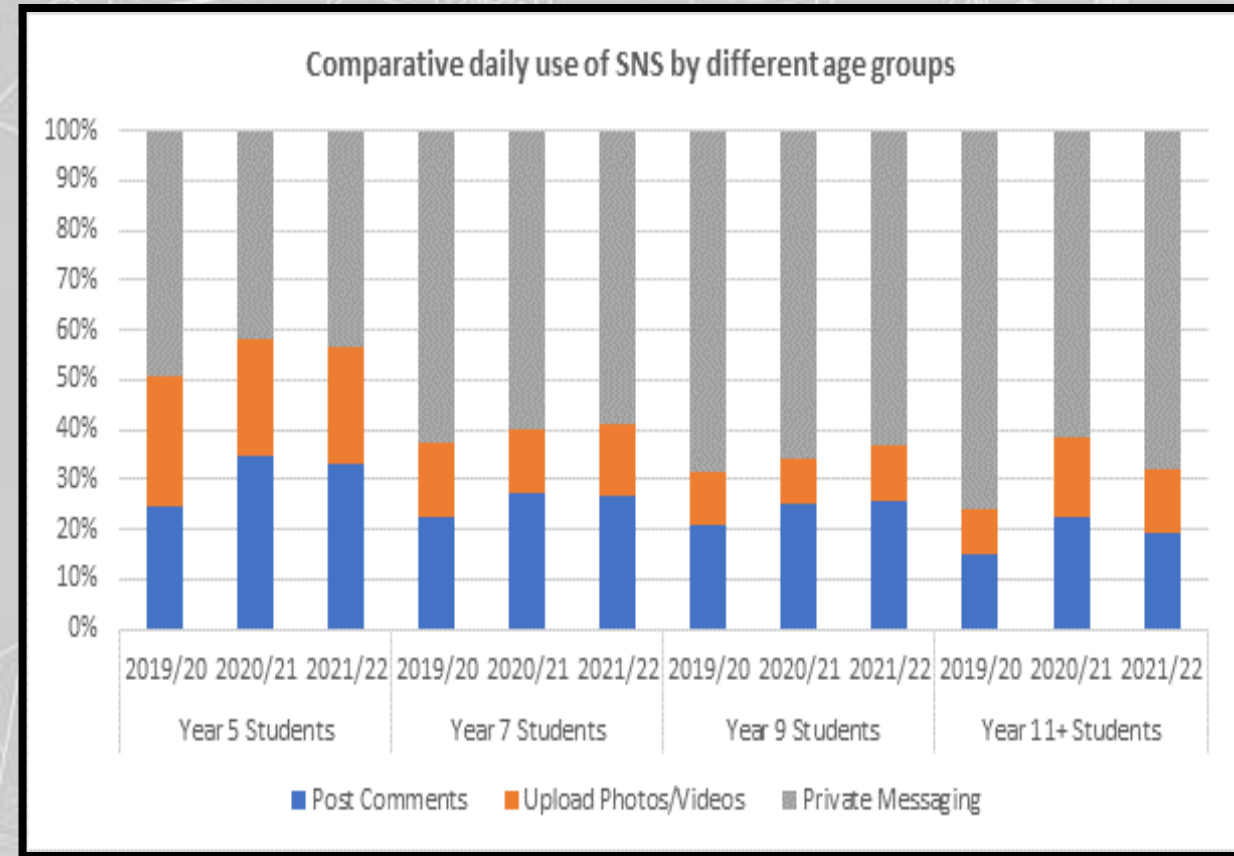
KEY OBSERVATIONS

- The use of Social Networking Sites (“SNS”) remains prevalent amongst all students, with the percentage use of SNS persistently close to 100% for several years.
- The Information Commissioner views the high usage of SNS amongst Year 5 students as a potential concern, given that most SNS are designed for individuals over the age of 13.



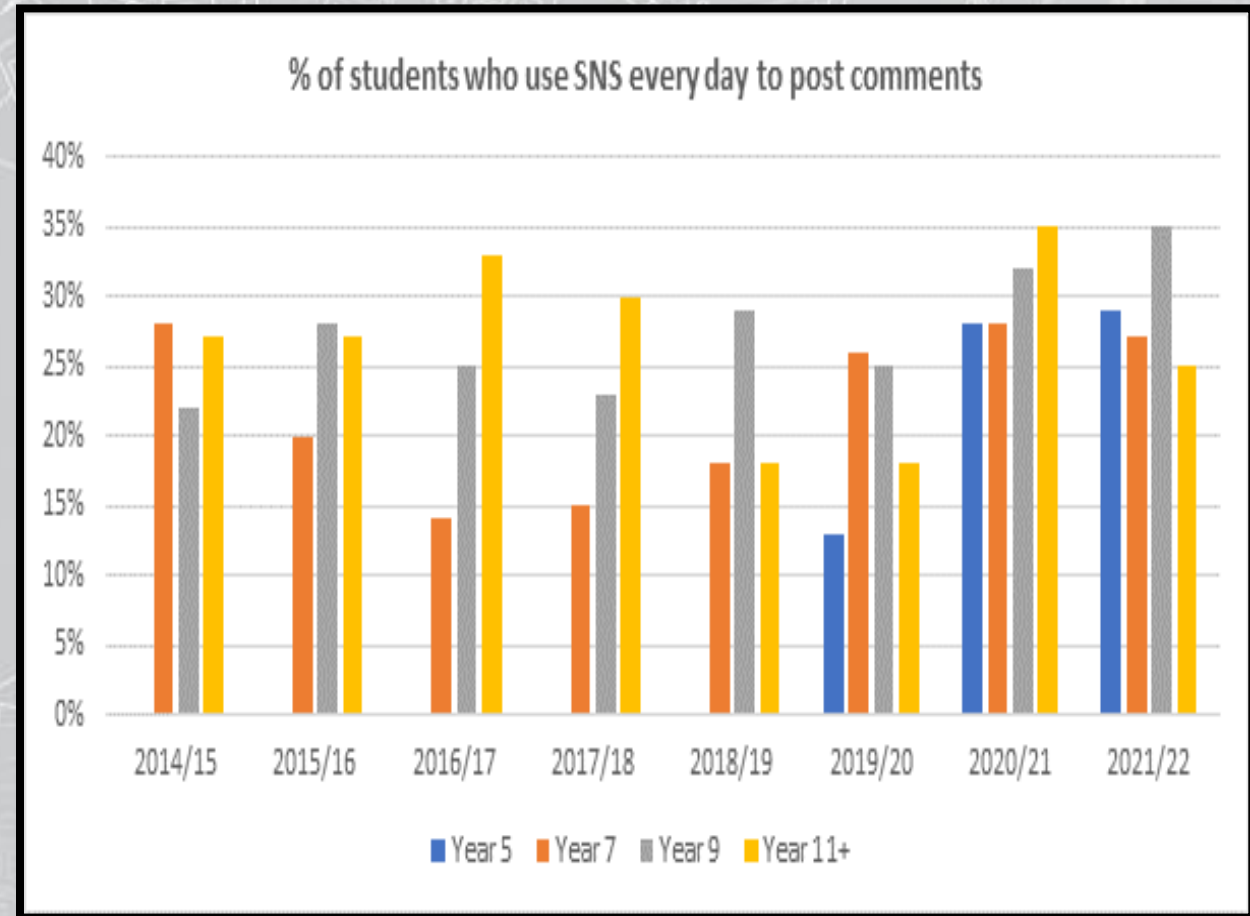
KEY OBSERVATIONS

- Over a three-year comparison, private messaging appears to be the most popular use of Social Networking Sites (“SNS”) amongst all students, which increases as students get older.
- Over a third of Year 5 students use SNS for private messaging.
- Since 2014, more than 50% of Year 7 students use SNS for this purpose.



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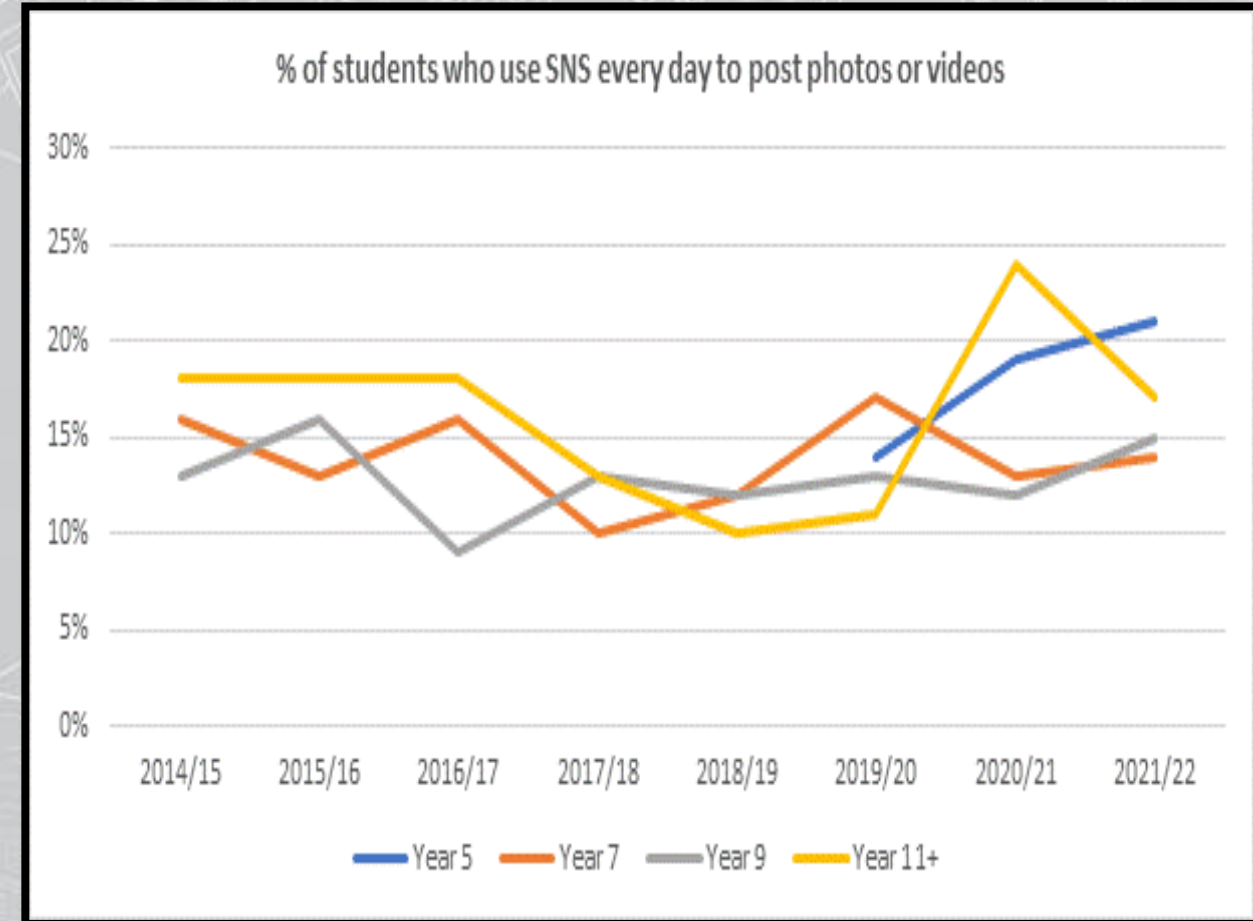
- The percentage of students using Social Networking Sites (“SNS”) to post comments has significantly decreased amongst the 11+ students, from 35% in 2020/21 to 25% in 2021/22.
- By contrast, the use of SNS for posting comments has slightly increased amongst Year 5 and Year 9 students compared to last year’s results.



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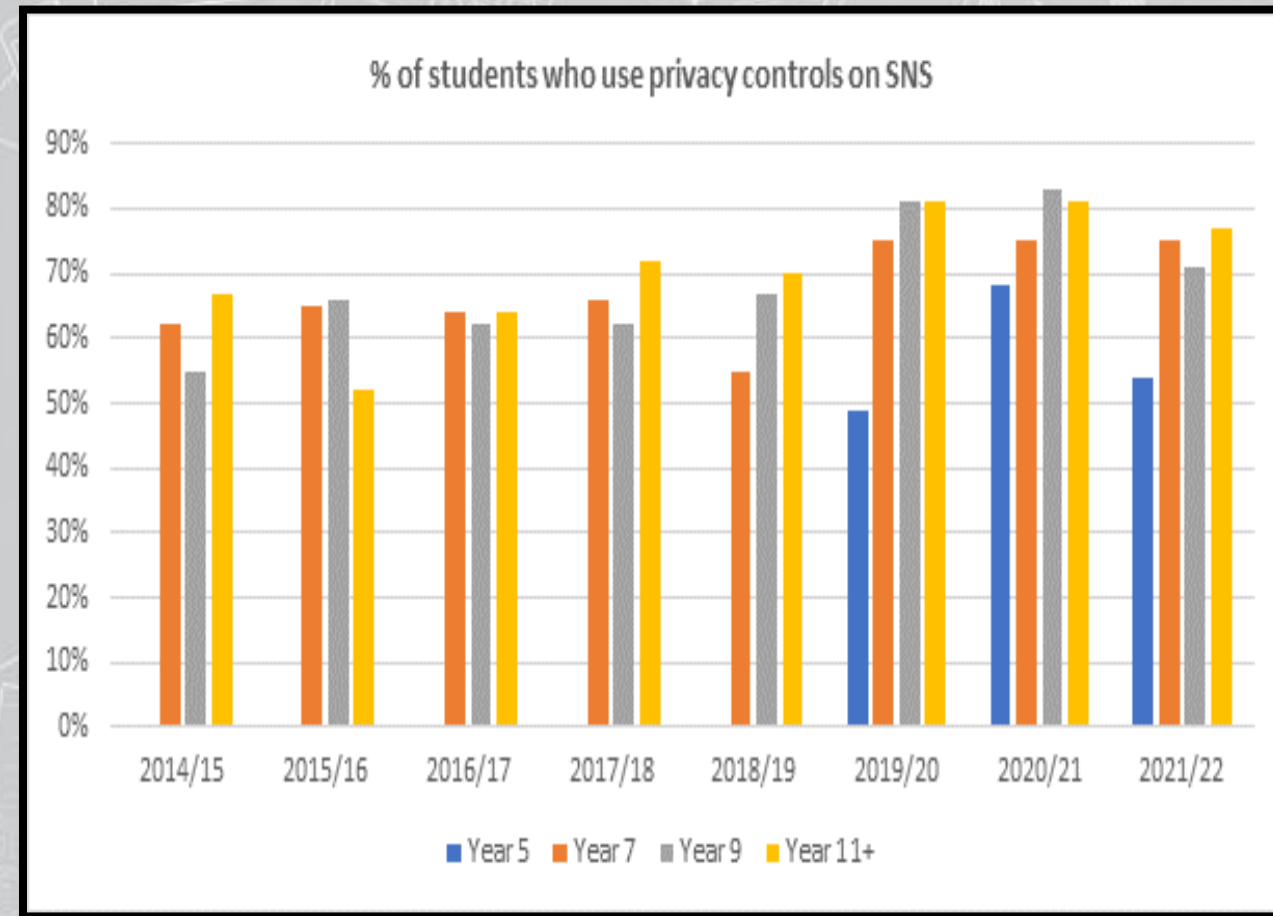
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- Students who use Social Networking Sites (“SNS”) to post photos/videos are at risk of sharing more personal data than intended, particularly because of the presence of others.
- 21% of Year 5 students use SNS to post photos/videos in comparison to 14% in 2019/20.
- In comparison, there has been a marked decrease in the results for Year 11+ students.



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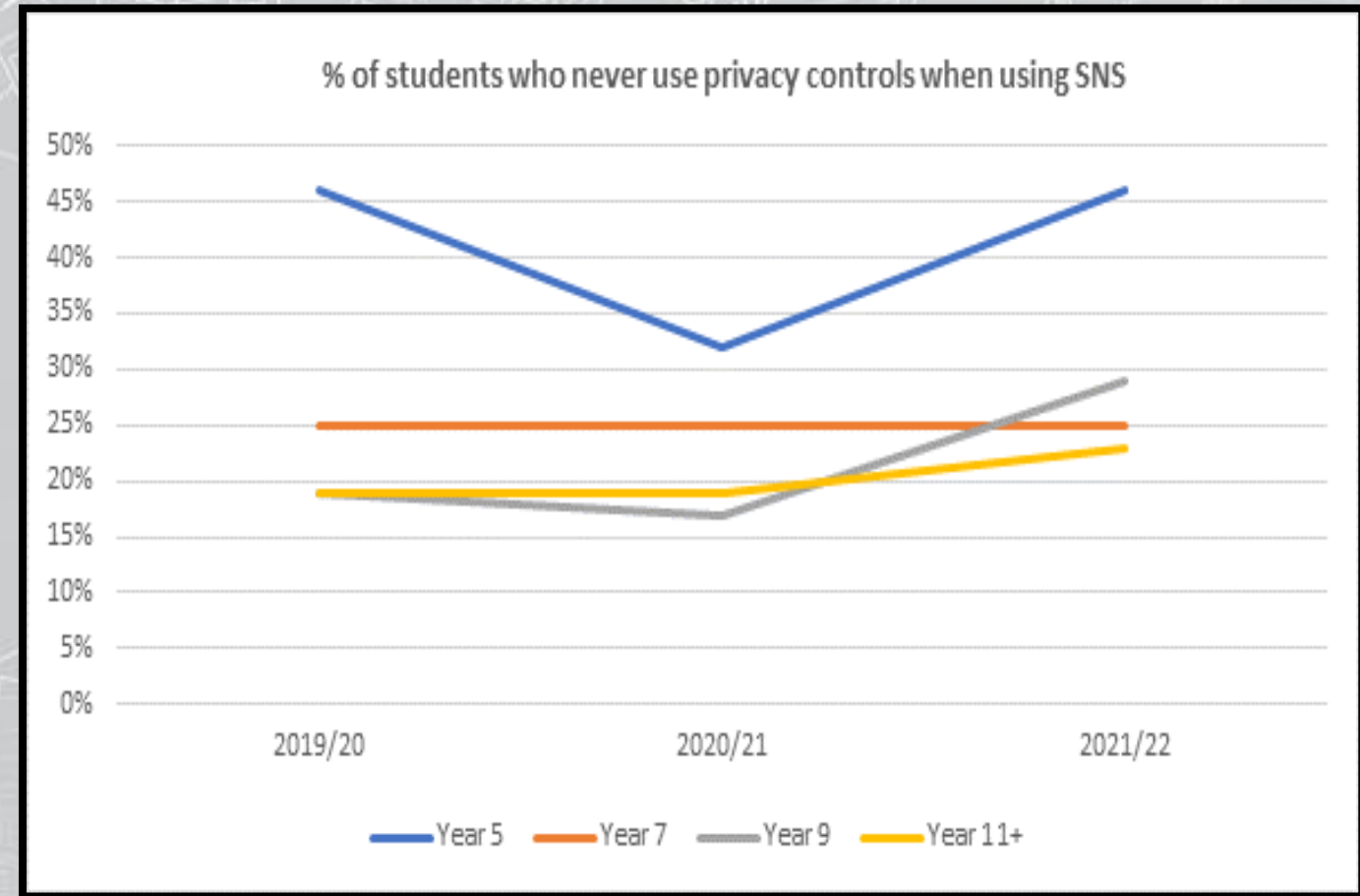
- Privacy controls allow users of Social Networking Sites (“SNS”) to control what type of personal information they share; with whom they share it and/or who has access to said information.
- This year’s results show a decline in the use of privacy controls in SNS amongst Year 5, 9 and 11+ students.
- The exception is the Year 7 students, with the percentage use remaining unchanged for three consecutive years.



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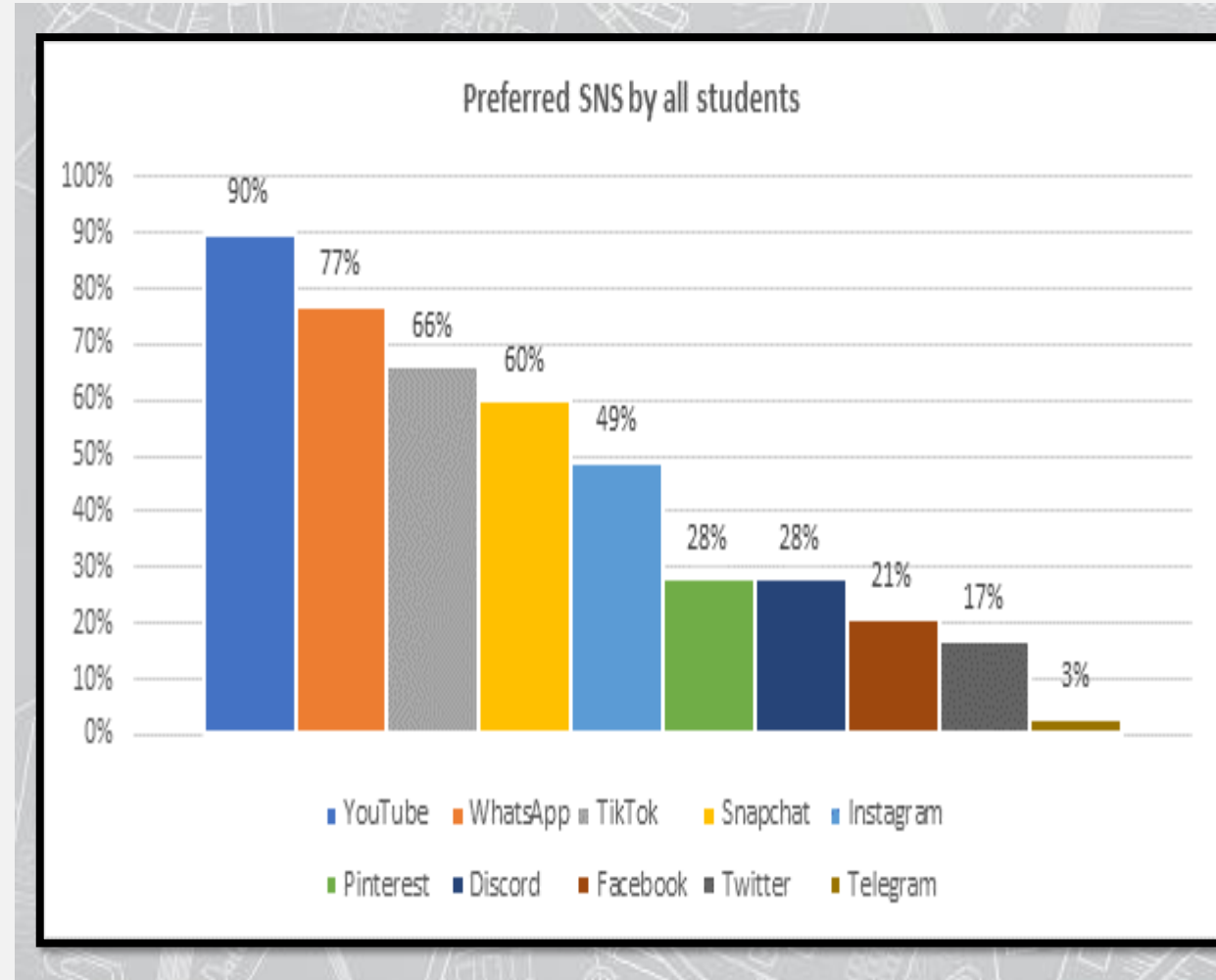
- 46% of year 5 students never use privacy controls when using Social Networking Sites (“SNS”). This is a significant increase from last year.
- The Information Commissioner, through his “Control Your Privacy” campaign, will continue to provide guidance and encourage the use of privacy controls to promote the safe use of SNS.



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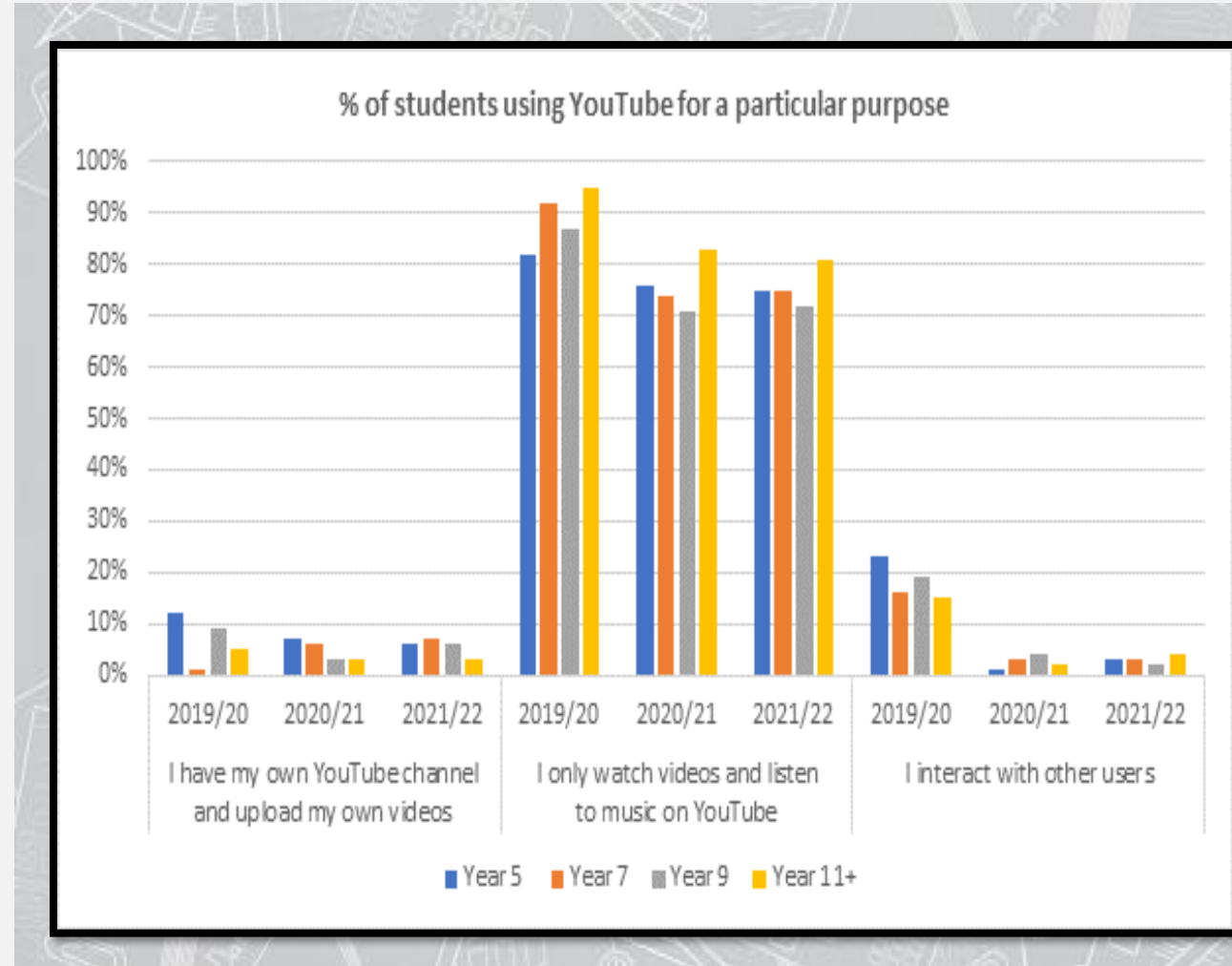
KEY OBSERVATIONS

- YouTube and WhatsApp are the most popular Social Networking Sites (“SNS”) used by all students.
- Facebook continues to decrease in popularity, from 81% in 2014/15 to 21% in 2021/22.
- Discord is gaining most popularity amongst all older students, with over a third of Year 9 and 11+ students using this SNS.
- ‘Media rich’ SNS remain a concern for the Information Commissioner, especially amongst the younger students who tend to rely less on the use of privacy controls.



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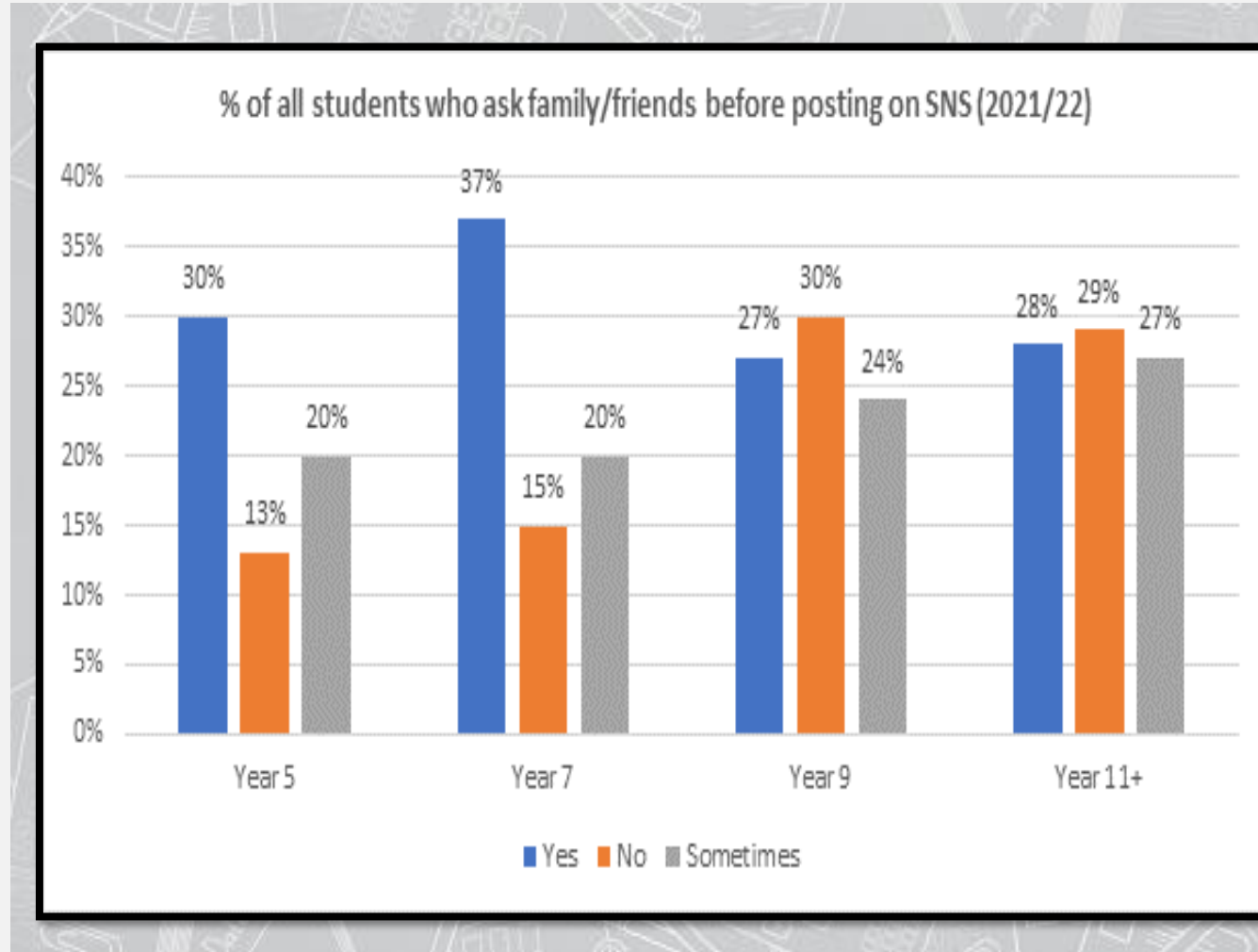
- YouTube may be perceived as one of the most popular Social Networking Sites (“SNS”) due to the many in-built features and variety of functions it provides.
- Over 70% of students use YouTube mainly to watch videos and listen to music.
- The preferred use of YouTube by the majority of students appears to differ to the use of other ‘media rich’ SNS.



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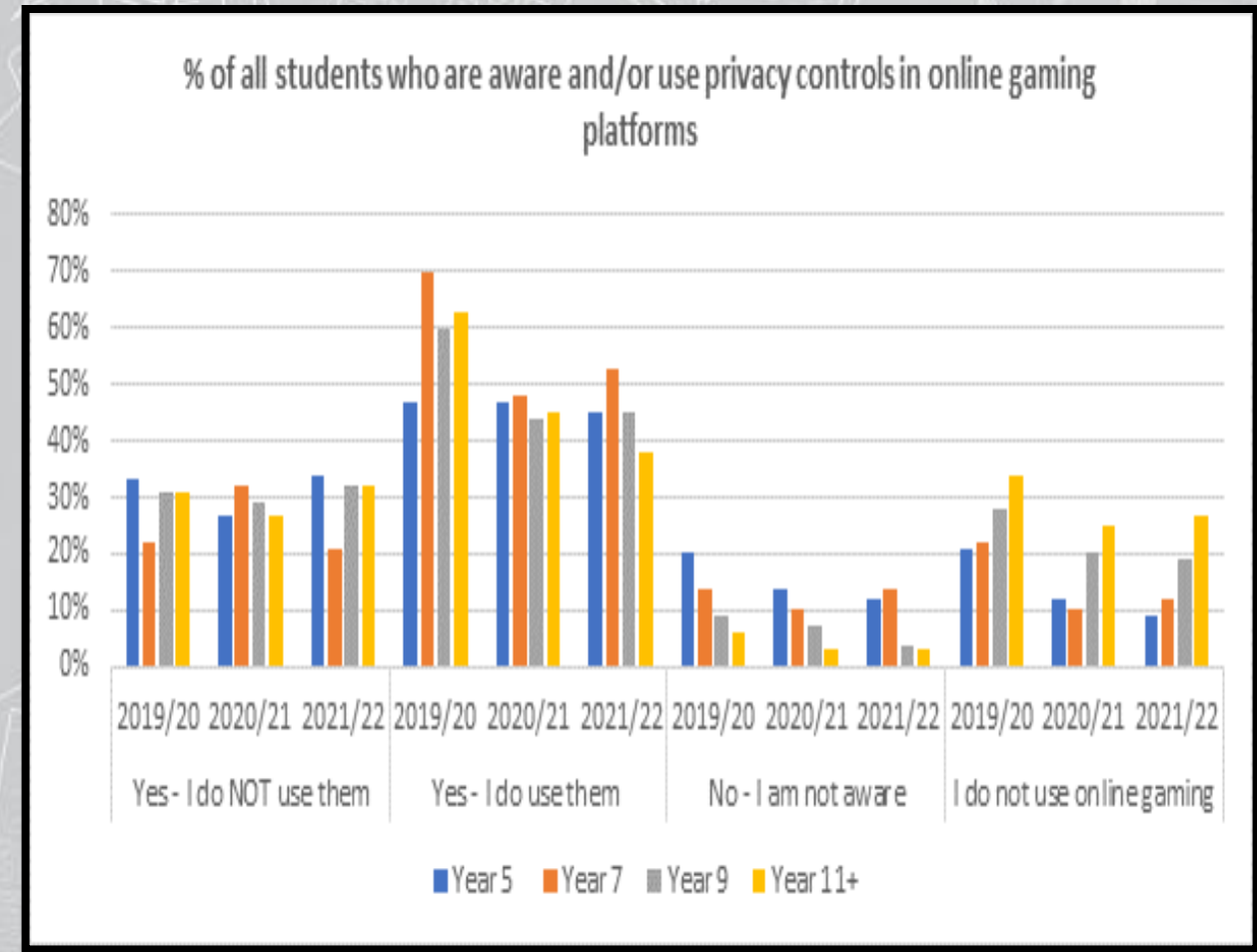
- Less than 40% of students seek consent before posting on Social Networking Sites (“SNS”).
- Year 7 students are most likely to seek consent before posting on SNS, but there has been a decrease in the percentage of Year 5 students who seek consent, from 58% in 2020/21 to 30% in 2021/22.
- The Information Commissioner urges individuals to consider what information they post about others on SNS, and seek their consent, where appropriate.



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KEY OBSERVATIONS

- Awareness of privacy controls in online gaming platforms amongst Year 5 students has increased slightly from last year.
- In 2019/20, 70% of Year 7 students used privacy controls in online gaming platforms in comparison to 53% this year.
- Of the Year 11+ students who claim to be aware of privacy controls in online gaming platforms, only 38% use them.



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KEY OBSERVATIONS

- When compared to other year groups, the Year 5 students are the most cautious, with 70% of them refusing access to their information when installing a new app.
- By contrast, more than 50% of Year 9 and Year 11+ students would use/grant access to their personal information when downloading an app.

