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PART A Group Interaction

This article appeared in a newspaper in the United Kingdom:

Young people are drinking less so they don't look bad on Facebook

A new study in the UK has found that people aged 16-24 are drinking significantly less alcohol, with 27% giving up alcohol, almost a 10% increase from 10 years ago. At the same time, young people binge-drinking (drinking a lot at once) has fallen to 18%. Interestingly, the changes in young people's drinking don't seem to be because of health reasons. A concern much more important than liver damage? Facebook embarrassment.

According to the Office for National Statistics (ONS), young people are scared of being shamed on social media with drunk photos and Twitter evidence of their embarrassing behaviour. The ONS says 'Young people who spend a lot of time online are quite happy to tag photos of their friends who are drunk and passed out on the floor, but are more concerned about being tagged themselves. This might curb their behaviour.'

The convenience of sharing photos with friends (and non-friends) through social networking sites and blogs is undeniable. People forget however that anything posted on Facebook or anywhere else on social media can come back to haunt them in the future. Even if a person deletes a photo, it will continue to live on if another person has shared it. In addition, tagging, or identifying people on social media pictures, poses dangers such as revealing a person's name, what they look like, and their location when the picture was uploaded.

You are members of the Peer Counselling team concerned about students' behaviour on social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, WeChat, Weibo). You may want to talk about:

- whether it is important to present a good image on social media
- what is acceptable behaviour on social media
- other problems young people have using social media
- anything else you think is important

PART B Individual Response

1. Do you post photos on social media?
2. What kinds of photos do you post on social media?
3. Do you like looking at other people's photos?
4. What kinds of photos would you not share with friends on social media?
5. Do you mind if people tag you without your permission?
6. Do young people feel pressure when using social media?
7. Do you think the use of social media should be monitored?
8. Do you judge people based on what you see on social media?

Note Grid – Your Notes for the Discussion

1. whether it is important to present a good image on social media	2. what is acceptable behaviour on social media
3. other problems young people have using social media	4. anything else you think is important

Note Grid – Your Notes for Part B Individual Response Questions

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