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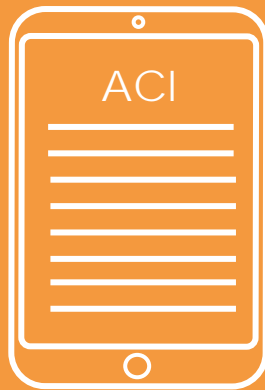
FROM THE VSC

Hello and welcome to the second issue of our new e-magazine. As the UK video games regulator, our prime job is to ensure that video game consumers are supplied with all the information they need about video games in order to make informed buying decisions.

We think this mag goes some way in achieving that aim and we hope you find it interesting, useful and informative. We'd love to hear your feedback!

Happy and safe gaming – The Editor





GAME GUIDE

At the VSC, we write Additional Consumer Information (ACI's) for every game we rate. The ACI tells you exactly why the game received the rating it did, and what you should look out for before playing a game. This section contains the ACI's for some popular, recently released games.

To find ACI's for specific games, go to videostandards.org.uk/PEGI and 'search for games'.

PARTY • FIGHTING

ARMS

This game was rated PEGI 12 for frequent non-realistic violence towards human characters.

ARMS is a light take on boxing in a fantastical fashion. Besides a numeric damage output, there's a flashing effect when a hit lands.

The characters flinch a bit, but there are no wounds visible, bleeding, or any other emphasis on pain/damage dealt.

When a character is defeated, it falls K.O. on the floor. This last part is shown in slow-motion.

The attacks do vary between gloves, but the type of attack is always the same. You swing your arms at your opponent, which will then extend and fly in that direction. Depending on the glove chosen, it has a different effect, but will always result in a hit on the character.

ACTION • ROLE PLAY

Valkyria Revolution

This game was rated PEGI 16 for frequent moderate violence. It is not suitable for under 16 year olds.

In the wake of a revolution, Jutland's elite soldiers, the Vanargand, must band together to defeat the Ruzi Empire and stop death itself--the Valkyria.

Game contains scenes of realistic violence towards human characters caused by either bladed weapons, firearms or explosive devices. Blood splatters are visible during some combat events.

Referring to woman as "nympho" and "sl*t"

Men discussing what parts of women they like which is accompanied by sexual innuendo.

THIRD PERSON • ACTION

Mafia III

This game is rated PEGI 18 which restricts availability to ADULTS ONLY and is not suitable for anyone below this age. This rating has been given due to scenes of moderate to strong violence including innocent civilians and vulnerable or defenceless persons, scenes of a sexual nature and frequent use of strong language.

Set in 1960's era Louisiana you play as Lincoln Clay, a mixed race Vietnam veteran. After returning from the war, the Italian Mafia executes your family once you've helped them loot a Federal Reserve. Explore the open world and complete the missions to exact your revenge on the mob.

Violent scenes include mowing down pedestrians with your car, fist fighting and shooting any and every one. More graphic scenes include people being tortured. Sex and full frontal male and female nudity is frequent throughout the game although penetration is never shown. Racial slurs and strong language including the words 'f**k' and 'c**t' are frequently heard throughout.

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BRAIN GAMES

In this section, we're highlighting some of the many brilliant and creative games which can be used as learning resources.

In 2012, The Interactive Software Federation of Europe (ISFE) found that 55% of parents believed that games helped their children develop skills and 39% thought they made their children more creative.

Here are just some of the games which can help develop children's understanding in unique and engaging ways.

NEVER ALONE

In this visually stunning and narrative-rich puzzle game, players alternate between a small girl, Nuna, and her arctic fox, as they attempt to find the source of the eternal blizzard which threatens the survival of everything.

The game is based on an Iñupiaq (Native Alaskan) fable and features interview footage from Alaska Native elders, storytellers and community members, who share

their culture and the breathtaking Arctic world.

The game received a PEGI 12 rating due to violence in an arcade, side-scrolling style. The most distressing scene involves Nuna's fox, but we won't spoil the plot by telling you what happens!

KERBAL SPACE PROGRAM

In this simulation game, players oversee the space programme of little green men called 'Kerbals'. They build spacecraft by putting together different rocket parts, which will affect how the ships function.

Players can choose from three gameplay modes: Science Mode, which focuses on experimenting and discovering new technologies; Career Mode, where you must build up your space team's

reputation and earnings in order to take on new missions; or players can let their creativity run wild in Sandbox mode.

In 2013, the game caught the attention of NASA, who worked with the Kerbal development team to add the Asteroid Redirect Mission – a real-life space programme – and NASA rocket parts to the game.



PARENTAL CONTROLS

Many games consoles provide parental controls which are a great way to moderate the content, communications and purchases your children have access to.

The next section briefly outlines how you can set up parental controls on the PlayStation 4 and Xbox One.

This is a condensed version of our Parental Controls guide. If you would like to see more detail or other platforms like the Nintendo Switch and PS Vita, please visit: videostandards.org.uk/PEGI/#controls.



XBOX ONE

- First create an account for all family members, with details of their age.
- You can modify your children's settings from your account by enabling 'Family' settings (from the adult account, select settings > 'Family' > 'Add to Family'). From here, select your child's account and then 'Manage Account Settings'.
- Or, you can login to your child's account individually. From settings, choose 'Privacy & online safety', and modify the different areas to your liking.



PLAYSTATION 4

- When logged into an individual user's account, find 'Parental controls' in 'Settings'. After setting up a four-digit pin, you may restrict age-rated content and access to the internet browser.
- For online content, you will have to set up a PlayStation Network account. There are sub-accounts or Master accounts which are for over 18s in charge of the sub-account holder.
- On the master account, find the 'Sub Account Management' feature under 'Parental Controls'. Here, you can restrict the sub account's access to online chat, user-generated content and online spending.

PLAYING ONLINE

**NEVER
GIVE YOUR
PERSONAL
INFORMATION
TO STRANGERS**

This is always rule #1! Never give your personal information away to people you don't know or post it where it can be seen by anyone and everyone. This includes your name, address and phone number!

**TALK TO
SOMEONE
YOU TRUST**
IF SOMETHING MAKES
YOU UNCOMFORTABLE

If someone or something is making you feel uneasy, you don't need to keep it to yourself. It will help to talk to someone you trust! It's also a good idea to keep your parents or other responsible adult updated on what you're doing online.

WITH YOUR KIDS

& STAYING SAFE

MAKE SURE
YOU USE
* * * * *
STRONG
PASSWORDS

Weak passwords are the easiest way for other people to get into your accounts! Make sure to use strong passwords and don't use the same one for all your accounts. Try using a random password generator site.

KNOW HOW TO
BLOCK
OTHER PLAYERS
(IF YOU HAVE TO)

The best thing about being online is that you don't have to deal with anyone you don't want to! Often trolls are just looking for a reaction – don't give it to them! Remember: you can always switch them off.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a silver smartphone over a laptop keyboard. The person has pink nail polish and is wearing a ring. A large, semi-transparent blue circle is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text. The background is slightly blurred, showing the person's face and a blue and white striped shirt.

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