Secure Passwords

In class you discussed the rules that everyone should follow when choosing a password to protect access to your user area, your social networking account or your mobile phone.

Below is a quick reminder of those rules:

1. Do not choose things such as your dog’s name or your favourite football team
2. Try to use nonsense words rather than something straight out of the dictionary
3. Try to remember your password, do not write it down
4. Make your password at least six characters long
5. Use a mix of letters, numbers, symbols and upper and lower case letters
6. Do not use the same password for everything
7. Keep your password a secret – not even your best friend should know it
8. Do not use something obvious like ‘password’

Homework Task

Using the rules above, create a poster that could be displayed in your ICT classroom to help remind all students (and teachers!) about the rules to follow when choosing a new password.

* Have a clear title
* Make the rules easy to read and understand
* Make the poster eye-catching through the use of colour and/or images
* Have one or two large images rather than lots of tiny ones

The poster can be done either on the computer or by hand.