

Office worker sacked for branding work boring on Facebook

Teenage office worker Kimberley Swann was sacked from her job after branding it 'boring' on Facebook.

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Administrator claims she was sacked for saying her job was boring on Facebook Photo: GETTY

Miss Swann, 16, said she was hauled into the manager's office on Monday and fired because of the comments on the social networking website.

She had been working as an office administrator at Ivell Marketing & Logistics in Clacton, Essex.

Bosses handed her a letter telling her they were ending her employment 'with immediate effect'.

It read: "Following your comments made on Facebook about your job and the company we feel it is better that, as you are not happy and do not enjoy your work we end your employment with Ivell Marketing & Logistics with immediate effect."

Miss Swann said she was shocked to be taken into the office and told she was being fired for comments on her personal site.

She said: "I did not even put the company's name, I just put that my job was boring. They were just being nosy, going through everything. I think it is really sad, it makes them look stupid that they are going to be so petty.

"I was an office administrator so of course it was boring at first and I knew it would get more interesting.

But Stephen Ivell, owner of Ivell Marketing & Logistics, said the company had done everything by the book.

He said: "It is just a shame that it did not work out because she is a lovely girl. For a small company, when a decision is made, one thinks long and hard about it."

Union leaders have slammed the decision to 'snoop' on employees personal conversation and said companies should grow thicker skins.

Brendan Barber, TUC general secretary, said: "Most employers wouldn't dream of following their staff down the pub to see if they were sounding off about work to their friends."