



Home/College Mobile Devices and Social Networking Contract

We live in a society where almost everyone has, or is expected to have a mobile device (phone/tablet/smart watch). We also live in a society where we are expected to know when, where and why a device can be used and when it should be switched off. The law is developing a harder line re inappropriate mobile device use. Several young men/women have been sent to prison for threats on devices/internet. It is a crime to drive and use a mobile device. You can be fined for using mobile devices in "silent areas". You have to turn them off on planes, in cinemas, in theatres, in some restaurants, in interviews, at places of work, to give just some examples of how the "real" world treats mobile devices. Facebook, Instagram and other social media activity can also be checked by your future employers to vet you for potentially embarrassing/illegal activities. Inappropriate internet use can also lead to your instant dismissal from employment and can lead to a criminal record.

The use of mobile devices in our College is a privilege not a right. We reserve the right to revoke this privilege at any time if you do not follow the rules relating to responsible mobile phone use.

- Mobile devices should be turned off and in lockers at all times.
- No devices to be used in class without permission from a member of staff.
- No photographs or recordings of teachers or students to be taken without their permission.
- You may not post or publish pictures, videos or audio recordings taken in College digitally, this means on social media or any other online sites.
- Any device containing inappropriate images will be confiscated and may be kept as evidence.
- Any inappropriate images, comments or campaigns on social media will be subject to College sanctions. Activities which may take place out of College, but have consequences back in College, will be dealt with via the College's published sanction system if appropriate/when necessary.
- Finally: Arguments, repeat offences or defiance in relation to mobile devices/internet use will be subject to our usual College sanctions, including the student's device having to be handed in to reception at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day by either the student or the parent/carer as decided by the member of staff.

If a mobile device is confiscated at any time during the day it will be handed to the student's Year Leader/Student Support Officer for collection at 3pm from their office by either the student or the parent/carer as decided by the member of staff.

We also respectfully request that parents who wish to contact their son/daughter during the College day do so through the official means of the main reception and not phone or text them during College hours.

Student Name:

Tutor Group:

Student Signature:

Date:

Parental Signature:

Date:

Failure to return signed copy will mean that the right to use the mobile phone will be revoked