

Mobile Phones

We recognise that mobile phones are part of many young people's lives. We want to help students establish a healthy relationship with their electronic device whilst understanding and managing its various risks and challenges.

Note - The policy for Sixth Formers beyond the Sixth Form Centre and adjacent field is the same as that for Y7 – 11 pupils. ie No phones to be visible or used at any time between 8:00am and 2:15pm on Acacia Road Site, Cantley Lane Site or between sites. See the Mobile Phone Policy on the school website for more information.

Sixth Formers are allowed **unrestricted use** of devices out of lesson time in the **Sixth Form Centre and adjacent grounds before the tennis courts only.**

The intention is that students develop effective ways of organising themselves and can use their phones for research, downloading resources and worksheets etc. If this privilege is abused by playing games or use of social media then the student will be asked to put it away in the first instance. Persistent problems will be reported to parents. In worst cases, the student will be required to hand their phone in on arrival and collected at the end of the day for a period of time.

This allows students to take responsibility for their mobile device use and keeps the focus on learning.

Please note that the school cannot be responsible for what students access through their personal electronic devices using data available through the phone's contract. We make it clear that students may not take images of others without their consent, and that phones will be confiscated if seen outside of the Sixth Form area.

Use of mobile phones in the classroom

Sixth Formers are allowed to use their mobile phones in lessons if authorised by the teacher. Students are not expected to have a smart phone for this purpose and provision will always be made for those who either do not wish to use a phone, or do not bring one to school.

Online safety

The following sites come highly recommended to help you and your family form good habits with regards online safety and mobile phone use:

- Parent Zone <https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/>
- Think U Know <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
- Net Aware, NSPCC
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- UK Safer Internet Centre
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>