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5th February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of an upcoming change to our expectations regarding mobile phone use for **Sixth Form students**, which will be introduced from **Monday 23rd February 2026**.

Following recent guidance from the **Secretary of State for Education**, schools have been advised that students should **not have access to mobile phones during the school day**, including **break and lunchtime**. The guidance also makes clear that mobile phones should **not be used as calculators or for research purposes** during lessons.

In line with this national guidance, from Monday 23rd February, **Year 12 & Y13 students will be expected to keep mobile phones switched off and out of sight for the entirety of the school day**, including social times. Phones should not be used in lessons, study periods, corridors, social spaces, or communal areas.

We recognise that mobile phones are a normal part of young people's lives; however, evidence consistently shows that reducing phone access during the school day:

- Improves focus and engagement in lessons and independent study.
- Supports student wellbeing and positive social interaction.
- Reduces distraction and unnecessary anxiety.
- Encourages stronger study habits in preparation for Year 13 and beyond

Sixth form staff will ensure students have everything they need to work effectively without reliance on personal devices.

We will work closely with students to ensure expectations are clear and consistently applied and we appreciate your support in reinforcing this message at home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

J Bentley

Director of 6th Form/ Associate Assistant Headteacher KS5