

Subject: Mobile Phone Policy – “Off and Away”

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Principals of the three 11-16 schools, we would like to take the opportunity to remind all families across the Secondary School Partnership of our existing mobile phone policy, designed to support student wellbeing and maintain a safe, calm, focused learning environment.

We would like to make clear that **smartphones are not required for any aspect of study in school**. All necessary digital tools and resources are provided through school-managed devices and platforms. For this reason, we would **prefer that students do not bring smartphones into school at all**.

However, if a student does bring a mobile phone to school, it must be kept **“Off and Away”** – switched off and **secured in their bag or locker** throughout the school day, including break and lunch times. This applies to all students unless a member of staff has given explicit permission for educational use in a supervised setting.

If a mobile phone is **seen or used during the school day without permission**, it will be **confiscated until the end of the day**, and **sanctions will be applied in line with the school’s behaviour policy**.

This policy will be **consistently enforced across all schools** in the partnership. It is part of our wider commitment to supporting students’ mental health, reducing harmful screen time, and encouraging positive social interaction during the school day.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing this message at home. By working together, we can ensure that our schools remain safe, respectful, and focused places for learning and personal development.

If you have any questions or concerns about this policy, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. V. Tomlin
Principal

On behalf of the Secondary School Partnership