

26th March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we break up for the Easter holidays and look forward to the Summer Term, I would like to take this opportunity to provide feedback on the recent mobile phone consultation and share some reminders regarding uniform expectations for the warmer weather ahead.

Mobile phone consultation

As you will be aware, the government recently published new guidelines regarding mobile phone use in schools. In response, we consulted with parents, students, and staff.

- **Current Policy:** Over 90% of parents agreed with our current policy which allows students to bring phones to school provided they are not used during the school day.
- **Confiscation:** Over 90% also agreed with our policy of confiscating phones until the end of the day if they are seen.

Following your feedback, we are making the following refinements to the policy:

- Most respondents agreed students should not use phones until they leave the school site. While confiscation is impractical at the end of the day, students will receive a demerit if they use their phone before they have exited the school building.
- Students who repeatedly break these rules and receive repeated demerits for mobile phone use will be required to hand their phones to staff every morning to be locked away. If this applies to your child, you will be notified by their Head of Year or Pastoral Support Manager.
- Phones may be permitted at after school clubs or on school trips at the discretion of the staff lead. Additionally, exceptions remain in our policy for the very few students who require phones for verified medical reasons (e.g., monitoring diabetes).

All this information will be relayed to students near the beginning of the Summer Term.

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Uniform expectations

The vast majority of our students come to school in the correct uniform and wear it with pride. However, as the weather improves, I would like to reiterate our expectation that all students remain in full, correct uniform at all times.

During the Summer Term we occasionally see a trend of skirts being worn that do not align with our policy. I ask for your support in ensuring that skirts are no shorter than 10cm above the knee.

Jewellery should not be worn, except one small black, gold or silver stud earring in each lower earlobe. Students may wear a wrist watch (not a smart watch) .

Please note that nail varnish/nail extensions are not permitted.

Smartwatches: Finally, it is essential that students do not wear smart watches to school. This is particularly important as they are **strictly prohibited in public examinations**, and students risk disqualification if found with one. To ensure students are prepared for these regulations, we insist that smartwatches are not worn in school at any time.

These reminders do not include all our uniform expectations and you can find the full uniform policy on our school website. Our policy is applied consistently to be fair to all students; unless there is a proven medical or emergency reason, students not in the correct uniform should expect to work in a separate room away from their peers.

Finally, I want to thank you for your ongoing support. The vast majority of our students are making excellent progress, and we are extremely proud of their hard work this year. By working together, we can ensure this success continues through the Summer Term.

I hope you have a restful Easter break.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Ward
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