

8th March 2024

Dear parent/carer

### Mobile Phone Policy Update

Thank you for your continued support in the successful implementation of our mobile phone and electronic device policy, the pupils have responded brilliantly. Comments from students have been really positive and we have seen greater focus in lessons and improved interactions between students. The Academy is most definitely a better place without mobile phones and personal electronic devices. The pupils have really bought into this and have made really positive comments about this change:



We want to continue to raise our expectations in the Academy and positive steps such as the electronic device ban are part of how we intend to ensure that learning goes from strength to strength. With this in mind we are going to implement a new system each morning, after break and after lunch called 'Ready to Learn Line-Ups'.

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## **Ready To Learn Line-Ups – Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.**

### **Why?**

- To ensure pupils are ready for learning every morning, after breaks and lunches.
  - Often after a break or lunch young people are full of energy, line ups are a way of calming pupils before the start of a lesson.
- Calmer, more purposeful movement around the building.
  - We have over 1000 pupils in the Academy and line ups will help to ensure calm and purposeful movement around the building.
- Greater student focus at the start of the day and lessons.
  - We know that a great start to the day or a lesson results in greater focus throughout. Line ups will help with this.

### **How?**

*Pupils will line up in their form groups at the start of every morning, end of each break and lunch. When pupils line up we will support them to ensure they are fully equipped and have full uniform alongside giving out key messages. Once this is done, pupils will follow their form tutor or teacher in a straight line to their class.*

### **When?**

*Today we have informed pupils of this change and next week we will practice this new approach with each year group (with the exception of year 11). On the **morning of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** pupils in years **7, 8, 9 and 10** will line up in the form groups before entering the building. Ready to Learning Line Ups will commence for pupils on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** and lunch time on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**.*

Your support with the electronic device ban has been incredible and has made a huge difference to our Academy and I hope for the same support as we continue to support our pupils to excel even more in their education.

Thank you.

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