Technology and mobile device use for Boarders

Schoolrooms

- Students may bring one smartphone and one tablet or laptop to the boarding house with them. Students may bring an e-reader (such as a Kindle) in addition to this.
- The laptop, tablet or e-reader must not be data enabled, students must connect to the school wifi to make use of these devices. The use of mobile wifi routers, VPN's or tethering is banned in school.
- Students are not permitted to bring smartwatches or any other similar data enabled devices to school with them.
- Devices with mobile internet **must** have suitable age appropriate parental controls set, including internet content lock or equivalent. Parents are expected to put suitable parental settings in place on **all** devices that use data **before a boarder begins to board with us.** Confirmation of this is via the Operoo form sent out at the start of the school year. Student devices will be taken in and kept in the boarding house office until this evidence has been received. Please see https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/ for information about how to set these controls on different devices and networks.
- During the school day and overnight, mobile phones and other internet enabled devices will be kept in the house office. Students will have access to their devices during boarding hours (evenings and weekends) and times for this will be published in the boarding houses.
- Students will be expected to hand in their phones to the member of staff on duty in the library during prep time.
- Access to devices during agreed times will be at the discretion of house staff but will not be unreasonably denied.

Seniors

- Students may bring one smartphone and one tablet or laptop to the boarding house with them. Students may bring an e-reader (such as a Kindle) in addition to this.
- The laptop, tablet or e-reader must not be data enabled, students must connect to the school wifi to make use of these devices. The use of mobile wifi routers, VPN's or tethering is banned in school.
- Students are not permitted to bring data enabled watches or any other similar data enabled devices to school with them.
- Devices with mobile internet **must** have suitable age appropriate parental controls set, including internet content lock or equivalent. Parents are expected to put suitable parental settings in place on **all** devices that use data **before a boarder begins to board with us.** Confirmation of this is via the Operoo form sent out at the start of the school year. Student devices will be taken in and kept in the boarding house office until this evidence has been received. Please see https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/ for information about how to set these controls on different devices and networks.
- Overnight, mobile phones and other internet enabled devices will be kept in the house office.
- If phones become a distraction during Boarders' prep time, students may be required to hand them in to the member of staff supervising.
- If there are concerns about the use of technology by students or students are found to be lending devices to younger students who do not have mobile device access then they should expect to have their devices removed from them alongside other appropriate sanctions.

College

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If students are found to be in breach of the guidelines above then they should expect that their access to tech and mobile devices will be restricted. Students who are found to be in the possession of multiple mobile phones or restricted devices should expect to have these confiscated alongside other sanctions. If at any point students get a new mobile phone or other data-enabled device then evidence of appropriate parental restrictions must be sent to the boarding team.

IMPORTANT: Understanding the limitations of parental locks.

Parental locks will not cover the use of 3G, 4G or 5G, as such you must consider how your child may access the internet via a non-School provided service. Similarly, if your child goes to a friend's house where there are no controls in place, they may be able to access unrestricted content. For these reasons, it is important to educate your child about the potential risks online, and establish rules concerning the sites that are suitable, or inappropriate, to visit. Honest and open conversations are key, so we must work together to create a 'safe' environment. The School aims to educate students about safe internet usage, and our online filtering system ensures that problematic sites and social media platforms are blocked or restricted when accessed via the School's Wi-Fi or internet connection. Unfortunately, the School cannot control student internet access via non-School provided means such as mobile networks and therefore students can access any content via that method. We continue to raise awareness with students and parents about 3G, 4G & 5G access and ask parents to refrain from buying large data packages.