

The Harefield Academy

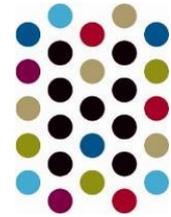
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Dear Parents and Carers

We have taken the decision to prohibit all mobile phone and smart watch use in The Academy from Monday 6th June 2016. Any phones, headphones or smart watches seen in the school building will be confiscated.

The rationale for this decision is to support the safeguarding of all students in The Academy. Unfortunately, with students having access to mobile technology in school, we have seen an increase in poor behaviour, online bullying and phones being used inappropriately.

Please be advised that from **Monday 6th June** the following rules apply:

Students in Years 7-11

- Phones can be in students' possession but must be turned off prior to entering the building.
- They must not be seen or heard until students leave the site at the end of the school day, including break time and lunch time.
- Headphones should not be seen.
- Smart watches are also not permitted for use in school due to the potential for access to social media and non-vetted internet access on the school premises.
- Phones are not allowed to be taken out and used as calculators or for the purposes of internet research in lessons.

Students in Years 12-13

- Sixth Form students are allowed to use mobile equipment ONLY in Sixth Form areas and NOT in the Café or any other public area.
- Phones for these students will be confiscated in the same manner if seen outside of these areas.

If a phone, headphones or smart watch are confiscated, they will be handed into Student Services. On the first confiscation, the item will be returned to the student at the end of the day and a C1 will be issued. If the item is confiscated more than once, it will be put in the safe until a Parent or Carer can come to The Academy to collect.

We would welcome your support in ensuring that students switch off their phones upon arrival at The Academy. We believe this change to be in the best interests of all students in The Academy. Please be assured that if you need to contact your child, you can call Student Services, Reception or the Student Managers who will ensure your message is communicated.

Yours sincerely

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