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Dear Parent/Carer

A huge thank you for your support in ensuring that all of our students arrive at school in the correct uniform. Students have responded well and form tutors are supporting those without the correct uniform.

Our next drive is to remind students of the responsible way to use their mobile phones in the academy. Whilst we understand that mobile phones are very much part of student's everyday life, and provide parents and carers with a great way of keeping their children safe walking to and from school, they can often be a source of concern and poor behaviour in and around the academy. Mobile phones and headphones are not permitted to be used during the academy day. There are times when staff may ask students to use their mobile phones to check their timetable or support their learning, this will be clearly explained by teachers.

If students are seen using mobile phones in classrooms, corridors or playgrounds they will be spoken to and the mobile phone confiscated. Headphones are also not allowed, unless given permission for educational reasons, and will also be confiscated.

Confiscated items will be stored securely at reception and returned to students at the end of the school day. If a student's mobile phone is confiscated three times, parents and carers will be asked to come into the academy to collect it.

Mobile phones can be a source of conflict in the academy and can cause distress around the use of social media. A number of disagreements begin outside of the academy, fuelled by social media and mobile phones. We would encourage you to speak to your child about the safe use of mobile phones and the responsible ways to use social media. Further advice on the safe use of mobile phones can be found at:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/mobile-phone-safety/>

We thank you in advance for your support with the next stage of our plan.

Kind regards.

Emily Thomason
Head of Academy