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Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware, students are prohibited from using mobile 'phones, iPods or interactive watches during the school day. If any student brings any personal technology into the Academy, for use out of school hours, the item must be switched off and kept in their school bag until the end of the day when they leave the premises. If a student is seen with any mobile technology visible in their possession while on the Academy premises, the item confiscated and returned at the end of the day. If they are caught a second time, then a letter is sent to parents informing them that they will need to collect the item should it be confiscated at a later date.

Unfortunately, this routine is not having the desired effect on Year 10 as some students are persistently breaking the rules. Dealing with this issue is disruptive and time consuming. With their GCSE studies of great importance in Year 10, we feel we must adopt firmer sanctions, in order to encourage them to comply with Academy rules and focus their time and attention on their studies.

From now on any Year 10 student who is found with personal technology visible during the Academy day, even switched off, will have the item confiscated and we will only return the item to a parent when they are able to collect it.

We would welcome your support by discussing this with your son/daughter and impressing upon them the importance of complying with Academy rules. Very many of our Year 10 students do comply with the rules but there is an increasing number who do not and then try to avoid the sanctions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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