

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022

**Re: Mobile Phone Policy**

Dear Parent,

The Academy's policy concerning mobile phones is covered in section 5.0, paragraph 12 of the Behaviour and Discipline Policy (below).

*12. Mobile telephones, including smartwatches, and other unnecessary electronic equipment are not permitted because:*

- *They distract from the teaching and learning process and disrupt the educational experience of others.*
- *They can be used as medium for bullying and harassment.*
- *They contravene Examination Board regulations.*
- *They can become lost or stolen and absorb (unnecessary) time and resources in the investigative process.*

By way of monitoring, the Academy undertakes ad hoc checks and confiscates items in line with the above; however, it has recently been brought to my attention that some pupils have items such as bus passes and debit cards stored in the wallet app on their phone and do not carry a non-digital alternative. Could you please ensure that your child has non-digital versions of such items to avoid them breaching the Academy's policy and being subject to sanctions.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. N. Houchen  
Principal