

Principal: Ms Melissa Gibson, MA, MPhil

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Dear Families

Re: Mobile Phones - Year 7 to 11

I am writing to you in advance of the school term to make the school's stance on mobile phones clear and to support the conversations you may be having at home with your child around this issue.

At Mulberry Academy Shoreditch our aim is to have students' attention focused solely on their educational experience, on the curriculum and on the wide range of enrichment opportunities on offer at school.

We know that mobile phones, and particularly smart phones, can serve as a distraction to young people, taking their attention away from their studies and as such we operate a no phones culture at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch for all students in Years 7-11, one that is calm, safe and free from distraction.

As a school we strongly discourage smart phones being brought in to school. Any mobile phones seen or heard at any time during the school day anywhere on the school site, including outside spaces, will be confiscated by staff and parents/carers will be notified in line with our behaviour policy. **If a phone must be brought in for travel or safety purposes, it must be turned off and completely out of sight in a bag for the entire school day.**

In rare cases where this happens more than once, students will be required to hand in their phone in at the start of the day before coming on the school site. **This step is not intended as a punishment, but rather as a support strategy - to help students who may need a little more structure to stay focused and succeed without distractions**

We want to work with our young people to educate and support them with regards to healthy, safe and appropriate use of devices to develop positive habits and support our young people's wellbeing, learning and development. **This includes guiding students on how to manage screen time, reduce dependency, and make mindful choices about how and when to use technology in healthy ways.**

We want to work with families to ensure our approach to mobile phones can be as successful as possible. By **working together, we can support each other in creating consistent routines that help our young people succeed.** Should parents/carers need to contact their child during the school day, we would ask that you contact the school office and a message can then be passed on to your child. Similarly, if a student would like to contact their parent/carer during the school day, students will be required to go to the school office outside of lesson time to do so.

We appreciate you taking the time to read this and your support in the above moving forwards.

Yours faithfully,



Ms M Gibson
Principal

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