



ST. EDWARD'S  
OXFORD

# MOBILE PHONE POLICY

FROM SEPTEMBER 2024

## The Shell

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- The school week is entirely mobile free
- Day pupils hand in their phones on arrival and collect them as they leave
- Boarders in School at the weekend have access to their phones from lunchtime on Saturday until 9pm, and from brunch until 9pm on Sunday
- Provision is made in Houses for pupils to contact parents frequently
- Pupils are able to use Zoom and WhatsApp on school issued Surface Pro laptops to contact parents (see overleaf for timings)
- Matrons are understanding of the complexities of international time zones and can provide phones for pupils to contact parents
- Throughout the Autumn Term, all Shells attend weekly Digital Wellbeing sessions led by the Director of Wellbeing

## Fourth Form

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- The school week is entirely mobile free
- Day pupils hand in their phones on arrival and collect them as they leave
- Boarders in School at the weekend have access to their phones from lunchtime on Saturday until 9pm, and from brunch until 9pm on Sunday
- Provision is made in Houses for pupils to contact parents frequently
- Pupils are able to use Zoom and WhatsApp on school issued Surface Pro laptops to contact parents (see overleaf for timings)
- Matrons are understanding of the complexities of international time zones and can provide phones for pupils to contact parents
- Throughout the Summer Term, all Fourth Form pupils attend weekly Digital Citizenship sessions led by the Director of Wellbeing, after which they sign up to a 'contract' acknowledging the expectations and responsibilities associated with the privilege of having a mobile phone at School

## Fifth Form

- Most of the school week is mobile free. Fifth Form pupils have access to their phones between 4.55pm and 6.55pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Day pupils hand in their phones on arrival and collect them as they leave
- Boarders in School at the weekend have access to their phones from lunchtime on Saturday until 9pm, and from brunch until 9pm on Sunday
- Provision is made in Houses for pupils to contact parents frequently
- Pupils are able to use Zoom and WhatsApp on school issued Surface Pro laptops to contact parents (see below for timings)
- Matrons are understanding of the complexities of international time zones and will provide phones for pupils to contact parents

## Lower Sixth

- The morning lesson period is mobile free. The Lower Sixth are able to collect their phones after lunch but are required to hand them in each evening at 10pm
- Boarders staying in School at the weekend are not required to hand in their phones on Saturday nights

## Upper Sixth

- Pupils have access to their mobile phones all day but are required to hand them in each evening at bedtime so that sleep is not disturbed during the school week
- Boarders staying in School at the weekend are not required to hand in their phones on Saturday nights

## Weekday WhatsApp Access via Laptops

<b>The Shell, Fourth and Fifth Forms</b> 8.15am – 8.30am 10.55am – 11.30am 1.05pm – 1.55pm From 8.30pm until laptop hand-in time	<b>Lower Sixth</b> 1.05pm – 10pm
	<b>Upper Sixth</b> 7am – 10pm

## Weekend WhatsApp Access via Laptops

All pupils have open access on school wifi from 12.15pm on Saturday until 9pm on Sunday

# NINE ELEMENTS OF DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

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## RESPECT FOR SELF AND OTHERS



Law



Access



Digital Etiquette

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## EDUCATING SELF AND OTHERS



Digital Literacy



Communication



Governance

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## PROTECTING SELF AND OTHERS



Security



Rights &  
Responsibilities



Health &  
Wellness

