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Dear Students

Mobile phones at Astrea Sixth Form St Neots

On 14 May, myself and Mr Jones, Principal at Longsands Academy wrote to you and outlined the changes to our policy on the use of mobile phones and other electronic devices, with effect from Monday 3 June. I would like to remind you of the main points as they apply to members of the Sixth Form:

Traveling through the main building

- Mobile phones/electronic devices must not be used in the main school building at any time. With so many people moving through the corridors, using stairs or waiting outside classrooms, it's important that everyone is concentrating on where they are going and not distracted by mobile/electronic devices (this includes the use of headphones). You run the risk of confiscation if you don't follow this guidance.

Within lessons

- As is the case now, mobile phones/electronic devices should not distract learning. Therefore, they should remain in your bag/on silent unless your teacher directs you to use them. You run the risk of confiscation if you don't follow this guidance.

Within the sixth form block

- Mobile phones/electronic devices may be used appropriately in these areas. Several students listen to music with headphones while they work and this is fine. However, other students actually find that their phones a distraction as they are continually communicating with others or checking for status updates etc. Please consider whether your use of mobile devices is actually supporting your learning.

As mentioned above, you do run the risk of having your mobile/electronic device confiscated if you don't follow the guidelines. This policy will be enforced rigorously for Years 7-11 and as the oldest members of the learning community, you (like staff) have a duty to set a good example. No one in the Sixth Form team or the wider staff body wants to spend time having to "battle" with young adults over trivial issues such as these. There are much more important things that we would like to do, such as supporting you with your learning. Therefore, I ask that you play your part in ensuring that we can reduce unnecessary stress and friction by following these guidelines.

Yours sincerely



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Director of Astrea Sixth Form St. Neots