

Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status Headteacher: Mr R J Blyghton

3rd September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to remind you that our mobile phone policy has been updated, in line with the DFE guidance. Please find our finalised policy attached. Mobile phones and earphones must be out of sight, on-site. Some key guidelines are summarised below:

- Key Stage Three (Year 7, 8 and 9) students cannot use their mobile phones and/or earphones in lessons, except for rare exceptions in music and drama. The platform Memrise can also be used. Mobile phones may be used in these subjects as directed by the teacher.
- Key Stage Three (Year 7, 8 and 9) students cannot use their mobile phones and/or earphones during recreational periods.
- Key Stage Four and Five students can use mobile phones and/or earphones can used in lessons as directed by teachers.
- Phones and/or earphones can be used during recreational periods in the 'phone zones', by Key Stage 4 and 5 students only, which are the main hall and sixth form building only.
- If scholars fail to adhere to the policy, the mobile phone and/or earphones will be confiscated, no warning will be given.
- For two confiscations within a half term, the parent/carer will be notified and will have to collect the device. If a student then acquires an additional, third confiscation during the same term, the student will have to hand their device to their head of year, and/or assistant head of year at the beginning of the school day and they may collect it, at the end of the school day.
- If the student refuses to hand their mobile phone over after the teacher has repeatedly requested that they hand their phone over, this is classed as persistent defiance, and consequences align with our behaviour policy.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation, as always do feel free to contact if you have any queries and/or comments.

Yours faithfully

Ms Adeoye

Assistant Headteacher