

Beths Grammar School

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

24th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to consult you regarding our proposed updated mobile phone policy which is reviewed annually. I am pleased to report that our community has adapted well to the policy implemented in September 2024, following the Department for Education guidelines recommending that mobile phones should be banned during the school day. This policy is reviewed annually, and we would like to update the policy with some amendments. The amendments are as follows:

- There will no longer be 'phone zones' for Key Stage Four scholars (Years 10 and 11) and so they will not be able to use earphones/mobile phones during recreational times.
- Sixth Form students will no longer be able to use their phones during recreational periods in the hall, they will only be permitted to use them during recreational periods in the sixth form building.

Please see the full updated policy here: Mobile Phone Policy September 2025

Our policy is based on the principle that it is important to limit screen time, however mobile phones can be a powerful learning tool if used well, and as educators we feel we have a responsibility to teach students how to use modern technology properly.

If you have any specific feedback regarding the updated policy, please contact via direct email at <u>i.adeoye@beths.bexley.sch.uk</u> by Friday 9th May.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Adeoye

Assistant Headteacher