

Valuables Guidance

1.We strongly discourage all boys from bringing any valuables to school including mobile phones, electronic games like PSP's, Kindles, laptops etc. The school may specify the use of certain valuable items for educational purposes.

2. If boys do bring valuables to school against our recommendations, we will not accept responsibility for any loss, theft or damage.

3. If boys do bring valuables to school, they must be turned off and kept in a secure place i.e. a locker. They must not be seen or heard anywhere on the school site during the school day (8.40 am to 3.40 pm) except where the school has given permission for educational purposes.

THIS INCLUDES BREAK AND LUNCH TIMES.

The exceptions to this rule are that the Sixth Form are allowed to use mobile phones etc. when they are allowed off site at specified times. Year 13 are also allowed to use mobile phones in the mezzanine study area for educational purposes only. The Sixth Form are allowed to use laptops and tablets for educational purposes. The other exception to the rule relates to Years 7 - 11 boys who use iPads in their lessons for educational purposes.

4. If a mobile phone etc. is seen / clearly heard anywhere on the school site during the school day it will be confiscated.

5. When a valuable is confiscated, it is held in the School Office. An email is sent home to the boy's parents indicating that the mobile phone (or valuable) can be collected from School Office at the end of the day and that he will serve an After School detention.

6. In the exceptionally rare case where a boy's valuable has been confiscated for a second time a Deputy Headmaster's detention is also issued as part of the punishment for not adhering to this Policy.

7. For an activity where boys change and leave their possessions in a changing room, classroom etc. a valuables box will be available and offered to boys by a member of staff. This box will be kept securely during the activity and boys will be able to collect their valuables at the end of the lesson/session. In accordance with point 3 above ideally we would not expect boys to put mobile phones etc. in a valuables box. It is intended for watches, wallets etc. However, if for a particular reason a boy has a mobile phone etc. when he is changing for an activity during the school day or for an extra-curricular activity, he should be encouraged to put the item in the valuables box.

8. Boys will be encouraged to use the valuables box but it is each individual boy's responsibility to hand in his valuable possessions at the beginning of a lesson/session and to collect them at the end.

9. Valuables such as mobile phones and other internet or telecommunication devices must not be taken into external examinations.