

Year 7

Wi-Fi/Internet

- Access from 7.30am to 15 minutes before lights out every day.
- All IT devices will be stored in a dormitory locker on each floor 15 minutes before lights out (mobile phones, iPads, iPods, MP3 players, tablets, laptops, game controllers, smart watches).

Mobile phones

- Access to all IT devices from 7.30am (so students can contact family/friends abroad in different time zones using their mobile phone between 7.30 - 8.00am).
- Mobile phones are not allowed in school. Students must ensure that their mobile phones (and other devices) are left in their dormitory room or locker (these will be checked by staff).

Social Media

- Students must have no access to social media on their phones or any other device (in the UK there is a minimum age of 13 to register and use social media services, and for WhatsApp the minimum age is 16).
- Students can use FaceTime/Skype to video call family members or friends (boarding staff can arrange a discrete space).
- When a student wishes to contact family or friends on a special occasion outside the permitted Wi-Fi/Internet times this can be agreed by prior arrangement with boarding staff.

Website access

- Internet access via the school network (Wi-Fi or wired) will be via a secure filtering software and fire wall in the same way as a secure home network.
- Students can notify staff of blocked sites that they want to view so that these can be checked and parental permission given.

Gaming

- Parents must provide a list of games downloaded on devices (as well as PlayStation/Xbox games) and verify that they are age appropriate (including a PEGI rating if possible).
- Other games students access online without downloading will also be noted and reviewed every half term.
- This list will be sent to parents for information.

Parents/Guardians

- Parents must complete a declaration to confirm that they will follow the CEOP/NSPCC recommendations to keep their child safe online.
- Parents must check their child's IT devices during holidays to ensure they are complying with UK regulations for social media use, as well as the suitability of other online services used and photos taken and shared.

Consequences for misuse

- Any student found deviating from the rules and expectations set out above and in the IT Acceptable Use agreement will be set additional prep to undertake research to learn from their mistake.
- Parents will be notified if a student is found using social media and their IT device will be searched for inappropriate content. This will then be confiscated for the rest of the half term or a minimum period of two weeks, whichever is longer. If this is their mobile phone they will still be able to use the boarding house pay phone, mobile or Skype.
- If there is a suspicion that other IT devices are being used that haven't been declared then a search will be undertaken in order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of the boarding community.
- Students found to have abused the online safety policy can expect a serious sanction which may include a fixed term exclusion or a permanent exclusion (as indicated in the Behaviour policy).

Year 8

Wi-Fi/Internet

- Access from 7.30am to 15 minutes before lights out every day.
- All IT devices will be stored in a dormitory locker on each floor 15 minutes before lights out (mobile phones, iPads, iPods, MP3 players, tablets, laptops, game controllers, smart watches).

Mobile phones

- Access to all IT devices from 7.30am (so students can contact family/friends abroad in different time zones using their mobile phone between 7.30 - 8.00am).
- Mobile phones are not allowed in school. Students must ensure that their mobile phones (and other devices) are left in their dormitory room or locker (these will be checked by staff).

Social Media

- Students can access social media following their 13th birthday. This is in accordance with the terms and conditions of most social media platforms (including Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat) which state that the minimum age for use is 13 (this should be approved and monitored by parents).
- Students can use FaceTime/Skype to video call family members or friends (boarding staff can arrange a discrete space).
- When a student wishes to contact family or friends on a special occasion outside the permitted Wi-Fi/Internet times this can be agreed by prior arrangement with boarding staff.

Website access

- Internet access via the school network (Wi-Fi or wired) will be via a secure filtering software and fire wall in the same way as a secure home network.
- Students can notify staff of blocked sites that they want to view so that these can be checked and parental permission given.

Gaming

- Parents must provide a list of games downloaded on devices (as well as PlayStation/Xbox games) and verify that they are age appropriate (including a PEGI rating if possible).
- Other games students' access online without downloading will also be noted and reviewed every half term.
- This list will be sent to parents for information.

Parents/Guardians

- Parents must complete a declaration to confirm that they will follow the CEOP/NSPCC recommendations to keep their child safe online.
- Parents must check their child's IT devices during holidays to ensure they are complying with UK regulations for social media use, as well as the suitability of other online services used and photos taken and shared.

Consequences for misuse

- Any student found deviating from the rules and expectations set out above and in the IT Acceptable Use agreement will be set additional prep to undertake research to learn from their mistake.
- Parents will be notified if a student is found using social media and their IT device will be searched for inappropriate content. This will then be confiscated for the rest of the half term or a minimum period of two weeks, whichever is longer. If this is their mobile phone they will still be able to use the boarding house pay phone, mobile or Skype.
- If there is a suspicion that other IT devices are being used that haven't been declared then a search will be undertaken in order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of the boarding community.
- Students found to have abused the online safety policy can expect a serious sanction which may include a fixed term exclusion or a permanent exclusion (as indicated in the Behaviour policy).

Year 9

Wi-Fi/Internet

- Access from 7.30am to 15 minutes before lights out every day.
- All IT devices will be stored in a locked cupboard in each dorm 15 minutes before lights out (mobile phones, iPads, iPods, MP3 players, tablets, laptops, game consoles).
- When students achieve 90 boarding house stars they will be permitted to self-regulate access to their own IT devices over the weekend (over Friday and Saturday nights).

Mobile phones

- Access to all IT devices from 7.30am (so students can contact family/friends abroad in different time zones using their mobile phone between 7.30-8.00am).
- Mobile phones are not allowed in school. Students must ensure that their mobile phones (and other devices) are left in their dormitory room or locker (these will be checked by staff).

Social Media

- Students can access social media where the terms and conditions state that the minimum age for use is 13 (this must be approved and monitored by parents). This includes Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat.
- Students can use FaceTime/Skype to video call family members or friends (boarding staff can arrange a discrete space).
- When a student wishes to contact family or friends on a special occasion outside the permitted Wi-Fi/Internet times this can be agreed by prior arrangement with boarding staff.

Website access

- Internet access via the school network (Wi-Fi or wired) will be via a secure filtering software and fire wall in the same way as a secure home network.
- Students can notify staff of blocked sites that they want to view so that these can be checked and parental permission given.

Gaming

- Students must provide a list of games downloaded on their devices (as well as PlayStation/Xbox games) and verify that they are age appropriate (including a PEGI rating if available).
- Other games accessed online without downloading will also be noted and reviewed every half term.
- This list will be sent to parents for information.

Parents

- Parents must complete a declaration to confirm that they will follow the CEOP/NSPCC recommendations to keep their child safe online. This includes being a friend or follower on their child's social media accounts.
- Parents must check their child's IT devices during holidays to ensure they are complying with UK regulations for social media use, as well as the suitability of other online services used and photos taken and shared.

Consequences for misuse

- Any student found deviating from the rules and expectations set out above and in the IT Acceptable Use agreement will be set additional prep to undertake research to learn from their mistake.
- Students found using social media without prior agreement from parents will have their IT device searched for inappropriate content. It will then be confiscated for the rest of the half term or for a minimum period of two weeks, whichever is longer. If this is their mobile phone they will still be able to use the boarding house pay phone, mobile or Skype.
- If there is a suspicion that other IT devices are being used that haven't been declared then a search will be undertaken in order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of the boarding community.
- Students found to have abused the online safety policy can expect a serious sanction which may include a fixed term exclusion or a permanent exclusion (as indicated in the Behaviour policy).

Year 9

Wi-Fi/Internet

- Access from 7.30am to 15 minutes before lights out every day.
- All IT devices will be stored in a locked cupboard in each dorm 15 minutes before lights out (mobile phones, iPads, iPods, MP3 players, tablets, laptops, game consoles).
- When students achieve 90 boarding house stars they will be permitted to self-regulate access to their own IT devices over the weekend (over Friday and Saturday nights).

Mobile phones

- Access to all IT devices from 7.30am (so students can contact family/friends abroad in different time zones using their mobile phone between 7.30-8.00am).
- Mobile phones are not allowed in school. Students must ensure that their mobile phones (and other devices) are left in their dormitory room or locker (these will be checked by staff).

Social Media

- Students can access social media where the terms and conditions state that the minimum age for use is 13 (this must be approved and monitored by parents). This includes Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat.
- Students can use FaceTime/Skype to video call family members or friends (boarding staff can arrange a discrete space).
- When a student wishes to contact family or friends on a special occasion outside the permitted Wi-Fi/Internet times this can be agreed by prior arrangement with boarding staff.

Website access

- Internet access via the school network (Wi-Fi or wired) will be via a secure filtering software and fire wall in the same way as a secure home network.
- Students can notify staff of blocked sites that they want to view so that these can be checked and parental permission given.

Gaming

- Students must provide a list of games downloaded on their devices (as well as PlayStation/Xbox games) and verify that they are age appropriate (including a PEGI rating if available).
- Other games accessed online without downloading will also be noted and reviewed every half term.
- This list will be sent to parents for information.

Parents

- Parents must complete a declaration to confirm that they will follow the CEOP/NSPCC recommendations to keep their child safe online. This includes being a friend or follower on their child's social media accounts.
- Parents must check their child's IT devices during holidays to ensure they are complying with UK regulations for social media use, as well as the suitability of other online services used and photos taken and shared.

Consequences for misuse

- Any student found deviating from the rules and expectations set out above and in the IT Acceptable Use agreement will be set additional prep to undertake research to learn from their mistake.
- Students found using social media without prior agreement from parents will have their IT device searched for inappropriate content. It will then be confiscated for the rest of the half term or for a minimum period of two weeks, whichever is longer. If this is their mobile phone they will still be able to use the boarding house pay phone, mobile or Skype.
- If there is a suspicion that other IT devices are being used that haven't been declared then a search will be undertaken in order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of the boarding community.
- Students found to have abused the online safety policy can expect a serious sanction which may include a fixed term exclusion or a permanent exclusion (as indicated in the Behaviour policy).

Year 11

Wi-Fi/Internet

- Access from 7.30am to 15 minutes before lights out every day.
- All IT devices will be stored in a locked cupboard in each dorm 15 minutes before lights out (mobile phones, iPads, iPods, MP3 players, tablets, laptops, game consoles).
- Students can self-regulate access to their own IT devices over the weekend (Friday and Saturday evenings).
- When students achieve 90 boarding house stars, or from the start of the summer term, they can self-regulate access to their own IT devices throughout the week.

Mobile phones

- Access to all IT devices from 7.30am (so students can contact family/friends abroad in different time zones using their mobile phone between 7.30-8.00am).
- Mobile phones are not allowed in school. Students must ensure that their mobile phones (and other devices) are left in their dormitory room or locker (these will be checked by staff).

Social Media

- Students can have access to social media according to the terms and conditions (this must be signed, approved and monitored by parents). This includes apps such as Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat.
- Students can use FaceTime/Skype to video call family members or friends (boarding staff can arrange a discrete space).
- When a student wishes to contact family or friends on a special occasion outside the permitted Wi-Fi/Internet times this can be agreed by prior arrangement with boarding staff.

Website access

- Internet access via the school network (Wi-Fi or wired) will be via a secure filtering software and fire wall in the same way as a secure home network.
- Students can notify staff of blocked sites that they want to view so that these can be checked and parental permission given.

Gaming

- Students must provide a list of games downloaded onto their devices (as well as PlayStation/Xbox games) and verify that they are age appropriate (including a PEGI rating if available).
- Other games accessed online without downloading will also be noted and reviewed every half term.
- This list will be sent to parents for information.

Parents

- Parents must complete a declaration to confirm that they will follow the CEOP/NSPCC recommendations to keep their child safe online. This includes being a friend or follower on their child's social media accounts.
- Parents must check their child's IT devices during holidays to ensure they are complying with UK regulations for social media use, as well as the suitability of other online services used and photos taken and shared.

Consequences for misuse

- Any student found deviating from the rules and expectations set out above and in the IT Acceptable Use agreement will be set additional prep to undertake research to learn from their mistake.
- Students found misusing social media will have their IT device searched for inappropriate content and then it will be confiscated for the rest of the half term or for a minimum period of two weeks, whichever is longer. If this is their mobile phone they will still be able to use the boarding house pay phone, mobile or Skype.
- If there is a suspicion that other IT devices are being used that haven't been declared then a search will be undertaken in order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of the boarding community.
- Students found to have abused the online safety policy can expect a serious sanction which may include a fixed term exclusion or a permanent exclusion (as indicated in the Behaviour policy).

Sixth Form students

Wi-Fi/Internet

- Students have 24 hour access to Wi-Fi but will be expected to manage their use sensibly so they can get sufficient sleep each night.

Mobile phones

- Unrestricted access to all electronic devices throughout the week.

Social Media

- Students can have access to social media according to the provider's terms and conditions.
- Students can still use FaceTime/Skype to video call family members or friends (boarding staff can arrange a discrete space)

Website access

- Internet access via the school network (Wi-Fi or wired) will be via a secure filtering software and fire wall in the same way as a secure home network.
- Students can notify staff of blocked sites that they want to view so that these can be checked and parental permission given.

Gaming

- Students must provide a list of games downloaded onto their devices (as well as PlayStation/Xbox games) and verify that they are age appropriate (including a PEGI rating if available).
- 18 rated games and films are not allowed in the boarding house.

Parents

- Parents must complete a declaration to confirm that they will follow the CEOP/NSPCC recommendations in order to support safe and responsible IT use.

Consequences for misuse

- Students found to have abused the online safety policy can expect a serious sanction which may include a fixed term exclusion or a permanent exclusion (as indicated in the Behaviour policy).