



CALLINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE (FOUNDATION SCHOOL)

RESPONSIBLE USE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY – update and clarification, April 2010

Consequences of misuse of mobile phones, MP3 players or I-pods

Students are currently permitted to bring mobile phones to College providing they are used within the agreed, published policy. Many mobile phones are now capable of doing much more than simply making a phone call. They may have Internet access and camera facilities that can, when used inappropriately, cause offence to others.

The following statements are intended to be read in conjunction with our full Digital Technology Policy, which is available on our website (in the Parents section) and on the VLE (in the Parents & Carers' Room)

- Students must not use mobile phones to communicate in any form during lessons and must always seek permission from the class teacher to use other mobile phone tools during the lesson such as a calculator or a clock
- Phones may not be used when travelling between lessons
- In addition, MP3 players/ i-pods (or similar devices) may not be used in lessons unless otherwise directed by the teacher
- At all times, mobile phone functions are to be used in a respectful and appropriate way and may not be used to take a photograph or to record anyone's voice without their permission
- Family members are requested not to telephone or text their children during lessons

At present it is the policy that any mobile phone or MP3 player misused will be confiscated until the next working day.

A mobile phone or MP3 player that is confiscated as a second offence will be kept in College until it is collected by a parent and that student will be banned from the privilege of bringing these items on to the College site until the end of the College term.

We regularly review College Policy. Should the above deterrents not be successful in addressing the serious levels of disruption to teaching and learning that can be caused we will be following in the footsteps of other schools and Headteachers around the country who have revised policy and have banned mobile phones, MP3 players etc. totally from the College site.