

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another excellent term at Bosworth Academy and in preparation for the new term after Easter we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our expectations.

### Mobile Phone/Headphones/Smart Watches

We have been really impressed with how students have already adapted to our new policy regarding phones, headphones and smart watches. The vast majority of students have kept their phones, headphones and watches out of sight and switched off, well done students!

As you are aware, from 13th April, students will not be permitted to use or access their mobile phones during the school day. This includes lesson time, break and lunch times, and movement between lessons. Any mobile phones brought onto the school site must be switched off and kept securely in students' bags for the entire school day. This rule extends to smart watches, headphones, earbuds and airpods as they have similar functionality to mobile phones and are reliant on mobile phones being on.

This change has been introduced to:

- Meet the expectations set by new government guidance
- Promote positive social interactions and reduce incidents related to online behaviour
- Support student wellbeing by limiting screen time throughout the school day
- Create a safer and more orderly learning environment

Sixth Form students will be able to use their phones in the Oaks area only.

If a student is seen using their phone during the school day, the phone will be confiscated and stored safely until the end of the day in the first instance. Repeated breaches of the policy lead to an escalation as outlined below. Please discuss the importance of complying with this policy to avoid confiscations.

1. **First breach:** confiscation until the end of the day and a warning letter home. Student can collect from the pastoral office.
2. **Second breach:** confiscation until parent collection. Parental meeting to be held with the relevant Head of Year.
3. **Third breach:** confiscation until parent collection at the *end of the school week*. Escalation to parental meeting with SLT and behaviour contract. Headteachers are backed by DfE to confiscate mobile phones and similar devices. Confiscation as a sanction is an effective deterrent for repeated breaches of school rules.

**Repeated confiscations** may also lead to a student having to hand in their phone each day to the relevant Key Stage office indefinitely.

We understand that some parents encourage their child to carry a phone for safety when travelling to and from school. Students will still be able to use their phones before arriving on site and after they leave at the end of the day.

The full policy is attached to this email for you to read.

## Attendance & Punctuality

Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement with regards to your child's attendance. By emphasising the importance of attending school regularly, you are helping to lay the foundation for your child's future success. Maintaining good attendance and punctuality is key to academic success. We encourage all students to strive for 97% attendance and continue the strong momentum as we progress through the year.

Attendance	Comment
99% to 100%	Attendance Hero
97% to 98.9%	Really Good
96% to 96.9%	Good
94% to 95.9%	Requires Improvement
90% to 93.9%	Cause for Concern
Below 90%	Serious Cause for Concern

## Uniform Expectations

Wearing the Bosworth Academy uniform with pride is a key reflection of our shared values and school identity. We ask for your support in ensuring students meet these standards each day. In instances where the policy is not met, students will be asked to correct their uniform. To maintain our high standards for all, a refusal to comply with these requests will unfortunately lead to sanctions being put in place.

Some key reminders are:

- Students must wear their blazers (KS4)/jumpers (KS3) at all times, they can be taken off in lessons with permission from their teacher.
- Students must wear their lanyards at all times and they should be visible at all times.
- Skirts should not be rolled up and they should be worn at an appropriate length. This is just above the knee.
- Trousers should not be worn below the waistline.
- Hooped earrings are not permitted.
- Jewellery should be discreet including small studded earrings, a maximum of two bracelets, two rings, one necklace and a watch
- Nose rings are not permitted. A small nose stud is permitted.
- Hair should be of a natural colour.
- No false or extended nails.
- No hoodies or tracksuit tops

Further information about our uniform and expectations can be found on the images below and on our website: <https://www.bosworthacademy.org.uk/parents/uniform/>

Finally, you may be aware that Mr Worn is leaving Bosworth Academy this week. Mr Worn has provided excellent leadership of our Key Stage 4 and behaviour for learning for over three years, strengthening pastoral care, and ensuring our students make great progress during GCSEs. I am confident that he has made a real, lasting difference to our students and staff across our school. We wish Mr Worn every success in his next chapter in education and thank him sincerely for his service to our school community.

Mr Grest, our leader of Key Stage 3, will take a lead on behaviour for learning across the school during the summer term, with Miss Jacobs leading Key Stage 4.

We hope that you have a fantastic Easter break.

Mr Brown

Mr Dolinski

Ms Baxter