

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our ongoing work to improve focus, wellbeing and the learning environment across the school, we will be launching our Yondr phone pouch system on Monday 1 June for students in Years 7–10.

On this day, pouches will be issued during tutor time. Students will be instructed to switch off their mobile phones and place all mobile technology (including smartwatches and similar devices) into their Yondr pouch, which will remain securely locked for the duration of the school day.

To support a smooth and calm first day of implementation, we will operate a staggered end to the school day:

- Years 7 and 8 will finish at 2:50pm
- Years 9 and 10 will finish at 3:00pm

This will allow students to unlock their pouches in a more orderly and less crowded environment, with staff on hand to support.

Any student who is not in school on Monday 1 June will be issued with their pouch during tutor time on Tuesday 2 June.

From Tuesday 2 June onwards, all students in Years 7–10 will be expected to arrive at school with their phone switched off and placed in their Yondr pouch along with any other wearable tech, before entering the school site. Staff will be available each morning to support students as they establish this routine.

Please ensure your child's parent pay account is up to date and with sufficient funds to be able to purchase items in our food outlets. We are aware that some students use their phones to purchase items and this will no longer be possible.

We appreciate your support and cooperation as we introduce this change. We are confident that this will have a positive impact on students' focus, outcomes and overall school experience. We will continue to keep parents updated as the system becomes embedded.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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