



Mobile phone policy

2023

Our 20-hectare campus contains many Wi-Fi hotspots so you can use Whatsapp to contact your parents.

Mobile phones give us all access to a world of entertainment and information. However, they also make it harder to socialise and connect with people in the real world. Most importantly, it is not possible to use a mobile at night in shared accommodation without keeping other students awake. For this reason, we limit students' access to mobile phones:

0730 Wake up:

- *After a good night's sleep, students wake up feeling full of energy & receive phones back from House Parents.*

0850 Morning lessons - Subjects:

- *Students drop phones in the box as they enter the classroom.*
- *Students are allowed access to their telephone only if requested, by the teacher, for example, to do research.*

1220 End of morning lessons

- *Phones are stored by the school in a secure location.*

★ **Lunch time** – *in the dining room students are immersed in English & making friends without the distraction of phones.*

1300 – Last 15 minutes of lunch time

- *Students receive their phones back.*

1315 Afternoon lessons – Specialisms:

- *Students leave their phones 'on the side' on entry to the classroom / tennis court / dance studio etc etc.*
- *Students are allowed access to their telephone only if requested, by the teacher, for example, to do research.*

1600 End of afternoon lessons

- *Students receive their phones back.*

Best times for parents to call:

1615-1645 House Time (relax time)

1830-1915 House Time (relax time)

! *Please try to avoid morning calls, but if you need to speak with your child urgently 0730 – 0745 is the best time.*

2115 End of activities – (end of Social programme):

- *Students hand in their phones for the night before entering the residence.*

Phoning home

Summer school is an opportunity for students to gain confidence away from home. However, **if you call your child often, especially in the first hours after they arrive, there is a risk that they will fail to learn how to adapt to living in a new environment.** For this reason, **we suggest calling your child to confirm safe arrival & then once a week only.**