

May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

As you know, as a school we are committed to ensuring that the climate for learning is positive and purposeful. Next half term, we are reinforcing our high expectations with all students to ensure that we maintain a high quality learning environment in the final part of the school year. With this in mind we are running a focus on two key areas:

1. The MHS RESPECT Code

The MHS RESPECT Code is designed to support high quality teaching and learning, by developing key skills and encouraging positive relationships and choices and adopting behaviours that support learning. The RESPECT code also provides consistency in expectations for all students.

MHS RESPECT CODE

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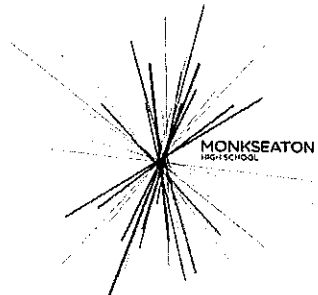
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POSITIVITY

EXPECTATIONS

CHARACTER

THOUGHTFUL



- Students can receive RESPECT points for demonstrating the RESPECT Code attributes and these points and rewards will be shared and celebrated in a number of ways.
- Even when encouraged to make the right choice, some students will sometimes make choices that are detrimental to their own learning and breach the MHS RESPECT Code. Should this happen, a series of strategies will need to be used to bring about changes to these behaviours. The aim of these strategies is to encourage students to understand our expectations and re-engage with learning.
- For more details on the RESPECT Code please see the booklet on the website.

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2. Mobile phones

While we understand that many students have mobile phones in their possession for personal security and safety, recently there has been increased disruption during learning time with students using their phones inappropriately. As a result of this, we are introducing a new policy for the use of mobile phones which will come into effect after May half term.

The new policy states that:

- **Mobile phones (and headphones) are not allowed to be seen or heard in lessons, corridors or other areas of school during learning time. Learning time includes assembly, tutorial, registration, 1:1 meetings, revision sessions or any other activity during the day.**
- Mobile phones must be switched off in all classes, corridors and other areas during learning time and placed in school bags. It is not acceptable for phones merely to be put on silent mode.
- This policy is for all students in school including Sixth Form.
- Students are permitted to use their mobile phones at break-time and lunch-time on the ground floor area of the school.
- If mobile phones or headphones are seen during any time other than break or lunch, they will be removed and stored safely in the main office until the end of the school day. If a student continues to breach our phone policy we will require parents to collect the phone from school.

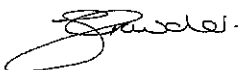
The mobile phone policy on our website provides further details of the expectations of the use of mobile phones and the consequences of breaches of these guidelines. We will of course, continue to support and encourage students to manage their use of their mobile phones appropriately and safely.

Parents/carers are reminded that, if students do bring mobile phones (or other electronic devices) to school, they do so at their own risk. The school does not accept any responsibility or liability for any thefts, loss or damage of any personal devices, therefore we strongly advise that such items are not brought into school.

In cases of emergency, reception remains the most appropriate point of contact and we can ensure your child is reached quickly and assisted in an appropriate way.

I am sure you will agree that these are important issues and we thank you in advance for your support. By working in partnership with students and parents/carers, our students can continue to experience high quality learning and develop resilience, responsibility and organisation, all vital skills required for the world of work and beyond.

Yours faithfully



Mrs T Crowder