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Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer and your children are looking forward to the term ahead.

I would like to introduce myself as the new Deputy Head Pastoral and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) at Ampleforth College. It is an absolute pleasure to be here and I look forward to getting to know the students and their families over the coming weeks and months. For background, I have come from Radley College where I spent 11 years, including 7 years as a houseparent. Before that, I was at Canford School following a career in investment banking.

I wanted to write to you regarding the new devices policy at the college. After careful consideration, the parent survey, market research, consultation with house parents and senior colleges, we have decided to introduce the following guidelines at the school. We realise that we must prepare our students for the digital world, but it is also paramount that sleep is protected and the students are able to make the most of the academic and wider opportunities around them. I hope that the updated policy strikes the right balance but as you will know, approaches to technology in education must evolve with time.

It is important to highlight two key points. We aim to have a consistent approach across all houses and all devices will be taken in overnight (except for Year 13 which will take an 'opt in' approach).

There will of course be flexibility for students with specific needs (SEND, pastoral situations) and overseas pupils calling home in different time zones. We politely ask that students return with basic alarm clocks, though we plan to sell in the tuck shop in the days to come.

I would very much like to receive your feedback and I intend to send out a parent survey later this term. Thank you very much for your support.

Best wishes,

Matt Glendon-Doyle

**Deputy Head Pastoral and Designated Safeguarding Lead**



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**Personal - Phones and other e.g. smart watches**

	Personal Phone & other Access		
	Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>7 &amp; 8 *</b>	1830-1900	1830-1900	1830-1900
<b>9 &amp; 10</b>	1830-1900	1800-1900	1300-1700
<b>11</b>	1830-1900	1800-1900	1300-1700
<b>12 &amp; 13 **</b>	0800-Bedtime/Sunday 1300-Bedtime (Y13 opt-in to handing-in overnight all week)		

\* 'Brick' (not smart) phones. Hsm can give smart phone access to students in special circumstances e.g. to call home if unsettled.

\*\* In study periods, phones should only be used for academic purposes. Phones not permitted during Friday Activities (unless permission given).

**School - Surfaces and iPads**

	School Laptop & Tablet Access		
	Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>7 &amp; 8</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>9 &amp; 10</b>	0830-2100	0830-1900	1300-1900
<b>11</b>	0830-2100	0830-1900	1300-1900
<b>12 &amp; 13</b>	Check in-Bedtime (Y13 opt-in to handing-in overnight all week)		