

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to inform you that following the half term break we will be using a security wand from time to time during our student checks in the morning. We feel the need to introduce this as we have seen an increase in students attempting to conceal their mobile phones and take them into the classroom which disrupts the learning of others.

Our duty as a school is to manage the safety of staff, pupils and visitors and the Department for Education guidance, "Searching, Screening and Confiscation – Advice for Head teachers, school staff and governing bodies" (DfE January 2018), gives schools the statutory power to search and screen pupils using a hand metal detector (arch or wand) for any item banned by the school rules and that which is deemed a prohibited item.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school.

I would also like to inform you of upcoming key dates:

- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June** – Staff Inset (morning) and Yr 11 Leavers Assembly. Students will be dismissed at 11am.
- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July** - Parents Evening, 4pm – 5.30pm
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July** - Last day of term – students finish at 12.30pm

As well as updating you on the above I enclose your child's latest academic report. If you have any questions regarding their report please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Michael Jarrett  
**Head of School**

