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Dear Parents

A message from the PE Team

As we approach the end of the academic year PE would like to remind everyone in preparation for the start of next academic year of our PE policy regarding valuables and must firstly emphasise that students are solely responsible for their own belongings.

However, whilst it is acknowledged that there is a widespread use of mobile phones for emergencies, the school policy states that mobile phones must not be used in school and must be turned off except during breaks and lunchtimes to listen to music on the playground. At other times they should not be seen. We recognise that mobile phone thefts are a recurrent crime in the country today and it takes up a vast amount of time trying to track them down. This is time that teachers simply do not have to spare.

During PE lessons when students' bags and clothes will be left unattended in the changing rooms, we recognise that it would be sensible to lock any valuable items (phones, jewellery or money etc) away in a secure area so that they will not be lost or damaged. It is your child's responsibility to make sure that such items are either locked in their laptop locker (years 9 -11) or handed into the valuable box as they enter the changing room.

The school cannot take any responsibility for any valuables left in their bags or blazers and although every effort is taken to ensure that valuables are well looked after when locked away, if any were broken whilst in our safe keeping, the Governors will only reimburse up to a maximum of £50 in compensation for any items (the equivalent of the average excess charge on insured items).

I hope that you understand, that although incidents like these are very rare, we are trying to make sure that every effort is taken to make sure that students' belongings are safe during the school day.

If you would like to discuss any of these matters further, please feel free to contact any member of the PE team.

Yours sincerely
PE Team