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Dear Parent/Carer,

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Search Arch

As previously communicated to you, we had a search arch in place this morning and Year 10 were screened as they came into school. Their behaviour was mostly very good and they were calm and co-operative and clearly understood that the initiative was about keeping them safe.



The search revealed a significant number of banned items and I remind you of these below as pupils must not bring these to school. Pupils have been told that they can collect most items (mostly aerosols and sweets!) at the end of the day. There are some exceptions – for example, metal pin tail combs. A number of pupils had pairs of compasses with them and, prior to my arrival at the school, these were not on the banned item list. I have asked the Head of Maths to ensure pupils have access to pairs of compasses in lessons but I reiterate that these items have been a banned item since September 2018. If you are particularly concerned that your child's have been taken today, you may come and collect them from me at school.



Mobile phones

Pupils are permitted to use their phone ONLY in the School Office in an emergency.

- Music devices and earphones
- Large amounts of money (no more than £10 is permitted)
- Expensive ICT devices
- Electronic equipment including portable games consoles
- Cigarettes, E-cigarettes, lighters and matches
- Stink bombs
- Lasers of any description
- Chewing gum and bubblegum
- Energy drinks, sweets and chocolates
- Knives, screwdrivers, tools or other items that may cause harm
- Hair comb pick
- Metal pin tail comb
- Caps and compasses



Prohibited items

- Weapons - or any object that could be used with the intention of harming another.
- Alcohol
- Drugs or drug paraphernalia
- Fireworks
- Cigarettes or smoking materials (eg. e-cigarettes, lighters)
- Stink or water bombs
- Aerosols
- Stolen items
- Pornographic images



Thank you for your support in this matter.

Emma Hillman

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