



Joseph Leckie Academy

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Dear Parent / carer,

As we reach the end of another academic year I want to thank you for your continued support, especially through a very difficult end to the term with the IT issues we have faced, which are ongoing, meaning we still have no access to anything saved on our school network or local servers. We do now have access to email and Arbor as these are cloud-based services.

Due to the issues we have faced, your child's balance for the canteen on Arbor has not been updated since Wednesday, this will be rectified over the summer holiday. Please ensure you have topped up the Arbor Pay account to cover any purchase your child has made since Thursday, otherwise your account will potentially go into deficit.

End of Term

School closes to students at 12:00pm on Friday 17th July. All students need to leave the school site at this time. Students requiring a free school meal on the day can get a grab bag from their break-time location for their lunch.

Leavers

At the end of the term, as always is the case, we are saying goodbye to some colleagues. I am sure you will join with us in wishing them the very best of luck for the future. Colleagues leaving us are:

- Mr Satar - Science Teacher
- Mr Morgan - Music Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Ahmad - Geography Teacher
- Mr Moharram - Cover Administrator
- Mr Pritchard - Teacher of history and Law and Head of Year
- Mr Adshead - Mentor
- Ms Hocknull - Head of Art
- Mrs Laverty - English Teacher
- Mrs Price - Assistant Vice Principal



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Start of Term

Year 7 and 12 will return to school on **Wednesday 2nd September**. All other students will return on **Thursday 3rd September**. Further details will be provided over the holiday.

Mobile Phones

As previously mentioned in a letter last week, the new Government guidance on mobile phones became statutory on Monday 29th June. [Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/mobile-phones-in-schools) This states that schools should be mobile phone free zones by default and that at no time during the school day should students access their phone.

We will initially try to manage this with the support of our families and cooperation from our students. Doing nothing different is not an option, and we do not want to ban phones from school or have to bring in methods for storing phones on site, but that might be necessary if students do not work with us to make our school mobile phone free.

Parents/carers need to reinforce these rules with us and must not use student mobile phones to contact your children through the day. Unless you feel it absolutely necessary to carry a phone, I would ask you to encourage your child to leave their phones at home.

To achieve the government aim of the school being a mobile phone free zone, the following processes will be implemented for any phone that is simply seen, heard or used at any time on the school site.

The mobile phone will be **confiscated and be returned only to a parent/carer**, who must collect it from Reception and provide proof of identity. Mobile phones **will not** be returned directly to students. The table below outlines the sanctions that will be applied if a student's mobile phone is seen, used or heard anywhere on the Academy site.

First confiscation	60-minute detention on the next day.	Pastoral manager calls home to discuss confiscation.
Second confiscation	SLT detention on the following Friday until 4.20pm.	Head of Year calls home to discuss confiscation.



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Third confiscation	1 day in internal reflection until 4pm.	Inclusion Administrator to arrange parent/carer meeting with HOY. The student will be directed to engage in an intervention session focused on understanding the reasons for, and the importance of, maintaining a mobile-free school environment.
Fourth confiscation	2 days in internal reflection until 4pm.	Inclusion Administrator to arrange parent/carer meeting with HOY and SLT link.
Fifth confiscation	A period of internal suspension until 3.30pm.	Inclusion Administrator to arrange parent/carer re-integration meeting with HOY and Assistant Principal Behaviour. A repeat of the intervention session.
Six confiscations or more	Off-site direction at another school. Possible mobile phone ban which will include random searches.	Inclusion Administrator to arrange parent/carer meeting with HOY, Assistant Principal Behaviour and Vice-Principal.

If a student refuses to hand over their mobile phone, they will be internally suspended. The student's parent/carer will be informed and may collect the mobile phone at the end of the school day; however, they must also attend a reintegration meeting with the student's Head of Year and/or SLT link. Refusal of internal suspension will result in an escalated sanction which may include an off-site direction at another school.

The evidence is very strong about the harm mobile device can cause to children, we must abide by the new Government legislation it is not optional, and in doing so we hope it will start to create a healthier lifestyle for our students helping them becoming less dependent on their mobile devices.



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It has been an excellent year at Joseph Leckie with so much to celebrate, probably the two highlights are the significant increase in whole school attendance, now above the local and National average for secondary schools and being externally recognised as a great school by Ofsted. I think they really did get a true sense of how hard everyone works here to give our students the very best opportunities to be successful. Some of the comments they wrote really did capture the school perfectly:

- *"every pupil who walks through the door of Joseph Leckie Academy is treated as an individual with potential."*
- *"relationships across the school are warm, respectful and steady. There are high expectations that drive a very positive behaviour climate"*
- *"the school's culture that supports ambition and readiness for the future, pupils feel included, valued and able to play a full and confident part in school life".*
- *"leaders are ambitious for all pupils and are relentless in their drive to ensure that their needs are met".*

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of our school community for the warm welcome I have received during my first year as Principal at Joseph Leckie Academy, I look forward to continuing to work together in the coming years to ensure our students have the very best educational experience they can, and that they all become the very best versions of themselves.

Have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to continued success in the Autumn.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A McNaughton

Principal