Queen Elizabeth High School
Ysgol Uwchradd Y Frenhines Elisabeth

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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, may I wish you a Happy New Year. As we start the new term, the school is undertaking an exciting new initiative to develop the digital learning experience of pupils. We have built a digital learning platform around Google, known as Google Classroom.

We have developed a Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) strategy. Essentially, pupils will be able to utilise their phone to access a range of activities to support their learning. Further information is contained upon the school website and pupils will be asked to sign a contract regarding acceptable use.

I wish to invite you to an information meeting on Tuesday 15 January at 5.00p.m. in the Main School Hall, at which a brief presentation will be made on this topic. It is expected the meeting will last a maximum of 30 minutes.

For some pupils, phones can be a distraction to learning. Therefore, the school has instigated a "phones in bags" policy. The only time that phones should be used in lessons is when invited to do so by the teacher for a specific learning activity. Failure to follow this may reluctantly result in temporary confiscation. I would appreciate you reinforcing this important message of responsible use of technology and thank you in anticipation of your support.

In responding to the constructive feedback of parents/carers, I have implemented some revisions to our behaviour management policy. Rather than using exclusion, when a pupil repeatedly fails to follow instructions, they will be removed from class and will work in a designated area where they will receive specific support to enable them to successfully return to lessons. This will be for a maximum of 5 lessons. For very serious offences, or refusal to cooperate with the above arrangement, exclusion will continue to be used.

I hope to see you on Tuesday 15 January and look forward to working together productively in the term ahead.

Yours sincerely

P A Spencer
Headteacher