



28 January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

As we head towards February and the lighter days I would like to take the opportunity to draw to your attention a few important matters.

Mobile Phones

The school rules regarding students' use of mobile phones are very clear. Mobile phones must be kept out of sight and out of use in school, especially in class where the focus is naturally on learning. In particular, the recording of images, sound or video on mobile phones in school is prohibited as part of our safeguarding policy.

A teacher, on first noticing a mobile phone in use, may give a student a warning but phones can be confiscated until the end of the lesson or the end of the day, if warnings and rules are not adhered to.

I know that mobile devices can be a huge distraction and temptation. However, school should be a place where students develop their skills of learning, speaking, listening - the old fashioned face to face social interaction, rather than being focussed on a smartphone screen. We appreciate your support in ensuring your children have that positive growing up experience that so many of us enjoyed in a pre-smart-phone age.

Open evening thankyou

We enjoyed a very successful open evening on Thursday 17th January. Visitors to the school, were very impressed with what they saw of the activities and heard from students and staff. I am glad that so many left with a very positive impression of all the good work that is done by your children on a day to day basis at Breda.

I'd like to extend a particular thank you and congratulations to those students who conveyed so well their enjoyment and progress at Breda, whether it was performing music, demonstrating activities, cooking pancakes and meringues or simply showing parents and P7 pupils around.

Forthcoming Dates

- Thursday 31st January Y12 Parents afternoon from 1.30 to 3.30
- Thursday 7th February GCSE and A'level options event for Year 10 and Year 12 1.30 to 3.30
- Tuesday 12th February Y10 Parents Evening from 1.30 to 3.30

School will close on each of these days at 1.15 pm to facilitate the events. Buses have been ordered for the early closure time.

Yours faithfully

MD Munro – Principal

