

Internet Code of Conduct

Students at Summer Boarding Courses will have access to Wi-Fi throughout their stay. To be granted access, all students must read and agree to this Internet Code of Conduct.

This Code of Conduct is designed to protect students, staff, and the school from misuse of the internet and to promote a safe and respectful online environment.

How to Use the Internet at SBC

At Summer Boarding Courses, we expect all students to take responsibility for their own behaviour online, just as they would anywhere else in school. All students must follow this Internet Code of Conduct alongside the general Code of Conduct detailed in the Parent Welcome Pack and Student Handbook.

Any breach of this Code will be treated in line with our disciplinary procedures and may result in restricted or withdrawn access to IT resources (e.g., computers, mobile phones, Wi-Fi).

What Content Is Allowed

Although content filters are in place, students are ultimately responsible for their own internet use. Monitoring is proportionate and in place for safeguarding, data security, and policy compliance.

Use of Wi-Fi must comply with the rules of our host schools and colleges. In some cases, internet activity is logged with time-stamped records of website access. Any student found accessing inappropriate content will have their Wi-Fi privileges revoked and may face further disciplinary action.

Zero Tolerance to Bullying

Summer Boarding Courses has a zero-tolerance policy for bullying. Any bullying, harassment, discrimination, or attempts to embarrass, deceive, or manipulate others online are unacceptable and will be addressed according to our Student Anti-Bullying Policy.

Staying Safe Online

All students are responsible for their own online safety and should follow these precautions when using the internet:

Do:



- Only access sites which are safe and appropriate for use in school (including outside of lessons)
- Keep personal information such as addresses, phone numbers, and passwords private
- Tell a member of staff if you see, hear, or read anything that makes you feel uncomfortable
- Be aware of who can see your photos or posts online
- Save your work regularly and keep a back-up online or on a USB drive
- Log out of websites and accounts on shared devices when finished
- Ask for permission before taking someone's photo, or before sharing any photos online or on social media

Do Not:

- Arrange to meet strangers you've met online
- Reply to strangers or people you don't know
- Click on adverts or download files from unknown or untrusted sources
- Download software to shared devices
- Attempt to add or follow staff members on social media
- Use the internet to bully, threaten, or demean other students or staff

If you're ever unsure whether something is safe or appropriate online—or if you're worried about anything—please speak to a member of SBC staff.

Respecting Others' Work

When using the internet for schoolwork, we expect students to respect copyright and trademarks. If you use words or images found online, make sure to credit the original source. If you're not sure how to do this, ask your teacher, tutor, or another member of SBC staff.