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Dear parent/carer,

We are pleased to inform you that our school will be implementing the **Yondr Program** to create a phone-free learning environment, starting this September. This initiative is designed to enhance teaching and learning by reducing distractions and promoting greater student engagement.

**Yondr Rollout Schedule:**

**Year 7** – Monday, **15th September**

**Year 8** – Tuesday, **16th September**

**Year 9** – Wednesday, **17th September**

**Year 10** – Thursday, **18th September**

**Year 11** – Friday, **19th September**

**Sixth Form** – Sixth Form students will not be issued Yondr pouches. However, they are expected to use their phones discreetly and responsibly within the Sixth Form Centre only.

Yondr has been successfully adopted by thousands of schools across 35 countries, including several in our local area such as Hammersmith Academy.

We recognise that mobile phones have many useful functions. However, we have also seen that student learning and social interactions improve significantly when phones are removed from the classroom environment.

**How Yondr Works:** Each student will be issued a personal Yondr pouch to store their phone securely during the school day. Upon arrival, students will place their phone in the pouch and keep it with them, locked, until the end of the day when it is unlocked. Students are expected to bring their pouch to and from school daily and are responsible for its care.

**Positive Impact of Yondr:** A recent survey of over 900 Yondr partner schools reported the following outcomes:

- **65%** saw improved academic performance
- **74%** saw better student behaviour
- **83%** saw increased classroom engagement
- **86%** saw a positive impact on student safety and wellbeing

If you have any questions, please contact the school directly at [parents@uhs.org.uk](mailto:parents@uhs.org.uk)

In case of emergency and you need to reach your child during the school day, please contact the school office on 01895 234060

We appreciate your support as we take this important step toward creating a more focused and connected learning environment for all students.

Yours sincerely,

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**Vice Principal**

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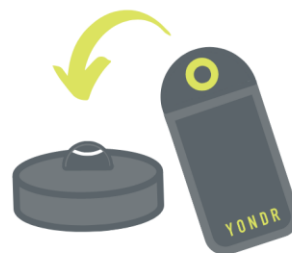
## How Yondr Works



As students enter school, they place their phone in their assigned Yondr Pouch.



Students close and secure their Pouch, keeping it on them throughout the day.



When leaving school, students tap their Pouch on a Base to retrieve their phone.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What if I want to reach my child during the school day?

We want our students to be engaged in their learning. If you need to contact your child during the school day, contact the main office at 01895 234060

### What if there is a school emergency?

In the event of a school emergency, our priority is the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff. We will immediately activate our **Shelter-in-place protocol**, which is part of our comprehensive emergency preparedness plan.

### Will my student's phone be safe?

Students are in possession of their phone - in their Yondr pouch - for the entire school day. We will advise students to store the pouch safely in their backpacks.

### What if the Yondr pouch gets damaged or a student is caught on their phone?

If a student damages their Pouch or is caught on their phone, we will collect the phone/Pouch and call home:

***In the event that a student's phone is confiscated, it will be retained by the school for a period of two weeks. After this time, the parent or carer will be required to come to the school in person to collect the device.***

Damaged pouches will be billed to parents at a cost of **£25**.

Note: Damage consists of any signs that the physical integrity of the pouch has been compromised, whether intentional or unintentional, as determined by the school or Yondr staff.

### What happens if a student forgets to open their pouch at the end of the day?

In Yondr's experience, this almost never happens. All students funnel past the unlocking stations at the exits, they want their phones back and don't forget to unlock their pouches. If they do arrive home with a phone in a pouch, they can either come back to school to unlock it or have a phone free evening!

### How quick is the unlocking process?

The unlocking process is quick and takes under a second per student. While students are still getting used to how to unlock pouches, staff will be on hand with mobile unlocking stations to stop queues forming in the first few weeks. If needed, we will add extra unlocking points.