

Richard Challoner – Student ICT Use Policy

Failure to comply with the requirements of this statement may result in temporary or permanent loss of access rights. It should be noted that the use of a computer system without permission or for a purpose not agreed by the School could constitute a criminal offence under the Computer Misuse Act 1990.

These conditions of use have been drawn up to protect the interests of the School, its staff and its students. These conditions may be changed at any time.

The ICT facilities are owned by the school and are available for all students, staff and other authorised users subject to the conditions detailed here.

Revisions to this statement will be publicised on-screen.

Conditions:

- All ICT-based activity must be appropriate to a school environment.
- Access must be made to the ICT resources only via the user's authorised account and password, which must not be made available to any other person. Where necessary, users must be able to produce proof of identity on demand when using ICT resources.
- Activity that threatens the integrity of the school's facilities, or activity which corrupts other systems, is forbidden.
- The School reserves the right to monitor the use of ICT resources at any time including examining or deleting any files held on its resources and to monitor both files held and Internet sites visited.
- Use of the Internet to access inappropriate materials is forbidden.

Please note: In common with other media such as magazines, books and video, some material available via the Internet is unsuitable for pupils.

The school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that users access only appropriate material. It is not possible, however, to guarantee that particular types of material will never appear on a terminal, given the international scale and linked nature of information stored on the Internet.

The school cannot accept liability for any such material accessed, or any consequences thereof.

- By logging on to the school's ICT resources users agree not to use them to:
 - access chat services, or Internet Relay Chat (IRC) channels or other forms of instant messaging systems (e.g. MSN Messenger) without express permission,
 - download files from the Internet without permission,
 - publish information which could identify the user or any other person directly on any Web page,
 - send or receive any material that is obscene or defamatory or which is intended to annoy, harass or intimidate another person,
 - upload, download or otherwise transmit commercial software or any copyrighted materials,
 - introduce any form of computer virus into the network,
 - transmit unsolicited commercial or advertising material,
 - Use this service to set up or run personal businesses,
 - send chain letters,
 - broadcast unsolicited personal views on social, political or religious matters, other than what may be required as part of the school's religious ethos or in educational tasks,
 - represent personal opinions as those of the school or the local authority.