

## College Statement on the Use of Mobile Phones by Students

Mobile Phones can be a useful tool in the classroom – we often ask students to use their mobile phones for activities such as researching on the internet, taking photographs, using the calculator facility etc... However, phones can also be an unwelcome distraction which can have a detrimental effect on learning. Therefore we expect all students to follow the department code of practice.

When a student is in the class, the following is expected:

- ❖ Phones to be set to silent
- ❖ No use of social networks, chat rooms, Whatsapp etc...
- ❖ No making or receiving of calls or text messages

There might be a rare occasion when a student knows that they are going to be contacted by phone on a very urgent matter. If this is the case, the student should talk to the class tutor before the class starts and explain the situation and ask permission to leave the class to take that particular call.

Staff do not want to stop you contacting your family and friends but we hope you agree that the main aim of coming to college is to reach your potential. We hope you will support us by adhering to this statement.