



# EPSOM

## COLLEGE

### Use of the Internet by Pupils

Over the last few years the use of the Internet has increased considerably. We all now use the Internet as a matter of course for accessing our e-mails and obtaining key pieces of information. The IT provision here at Epsom is extensive, but we have to make sure that the benefits to pupils from access to the internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantage. We need to make sure that the speed of access is maintained at a sensible level for all users.

As the use of the Internet by all users within the College continues to grow, in order to maintain access at key times of the day for genuine academic use, pupil access will be filtered and times for use will be restricted as follows:

#### 1. Wireless Access through pupil owned laptops and mobile devices:

**School Filter: Available for work, excluding sites relating to entertainment, gaming and leisure use:**

0700 - 0830	All pupil access
0830 - 1400	Sixth Form access only.
1400 - 1800	All pupil access.

**Open Filter: Allows for appropriate leisure use outside of the main school day:**

1800 - 2300	All pupil access (Saturday – midnight)
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The above timings apply daily Monday to Saturday.

Saturday 1400 - Sunday 2300: **Open Filter** available for boarders.

#### 2. College PCs:

##### a) House PCs used by pupils:

**School Filter:**

0700 - 0830	All pupil access.
0830 - 1400	No internet access. (The only exceptions to this are for members of the 6th Form to be able to access specific and named sites such as UCAS etc.)
1400 - 1800	All pupil access.

## **Open Filter:**

1800 - 2300                      All pupil access.

Saturday 1400 - Sunday 2300: **Open Filter** available for boarders.

## **b) PCs in Academic Areas:**

**On School Filter at all times.** (The only exception to this will be the Library PCs which will be on Open Filter at all times and members of the 6th Form on Study Periods who wish to use the Internet for academic research may use the PCs in the College Library and Sixth Form Centre. The PCs in the Economics and Business Studies Department and the Chemistry Library may be used with the permission of a member of the relevant department).

All pupils are reminded that use of the Internet at Epsom College which is not allowed includes:

- Accessing offensive or inappropriate sites.
- Use of the Internet for leisure purposes during designated study or prep. times. This may include the use of online radio or videos, gaming, online media etc or viewing downloaded material.

**All pupils should realise that failure to comply with the College's rules and policies on the use of the Internet may lose the right to be able to access the Internet for a period of time. Serious offences may lead to other College sanctions being imposed.**