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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As technology continues to evolve, new devices are reshaping the way we connect, learn, and share information. One of the latest innovations is *Smart Glasses* – eyewear that looks like ordinary spectacles but can include built-in cameras, microphones, and internet connectivity. Products such as Ray-Ban Meta Glasses highlight how accessible and affordable this technology has now become.

While these developments are exciting, they also raise important questions about privacy and safety in a school environment. Smart glasses can discreetly record, live-stream, or share content instantly, and therefore can pose risks to pupils, staff, and visitors. In particular:

- **Privacy:** Images or videos can be captured without consent.
- **Safeguarding:** Live-streaming may inadvertently expose sensitive or identifying information about pupils.
- **Data protection:** Such recordings could breach UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.

In response to this, and to ensure our community remains a safe and secure place, the use of smart glasses will not be permitted on school grounds by pupils, parents, visitors, or staff. This approach is consistent with that of other boarding schools we have consulted.

We kindly ask for your support in this measure. If smart glasses are brought onto site, they will need to be removed and stored securely until they can be taken home.

Thank you for working with us to embrace technology responsibly while protecting the privacy and wellbeing of all pupils.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H Exham".

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