



# 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 laptops, iPads and mobile devices:

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

Monday – Friday	0800 - 1700	Applied to all pupils
Saturday	0800 - 1700	Applied to all pupils

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

Monday – Saturday	0700 – 0800	Applied to all pupils
Monday – Friday	1700 - 2300	Applied to all pupils
Saturday	1200 - 2400	Applied to all pupils
Sunday	0700 - 2300	Applied to all pupils

#### 2. College PCs:

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

Same timings applied as with the Wireless Access.

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

Same timings applied as with the Wireless Access.

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.**