

## Shiplake College School Council: Suggestions for use of Mobile Phones in Learning

Thanks to **twitter** we have picked up on some really great lateral thinking from the School Council at Shiplake College. They have suggested that their teachers should take advantage of mobile phones as a way of connecting students with their work!

- It was felt that most students used their phones to pick up school emails (9 out of 10 at the meeting did).
- Many used school email to communicate with friends.
- Many use phones to log homework details and felt that this was easier and more effective than using the homework diary.
- Using phones to photograph diagrams on boards, etc, was seen as very beneficial but only after seeking permission from the teacher. Particularly helpful if mind-maps had been created by group work.
- There was general consensus that phones should not be used for verbal communication around the school during the academic day.
- It was suggested that apps could be used/developed to access timetables and homework, etc.
- It was suggested that the online calendar could be sent to pupils' phones and they could receive updates/changes.
- If selected in a games team could the team sheets be sent to the pupils' distribution list?
- Pupils welcomed text messages from teachers. Could texts be sent from computer to phone making it easier for teachers to communicate to pupils?
- It was felt that video recording and voice recording was not appropriate and should be left to departments to put useful clips on the intranet.

**If your School Council has innovative ideas do let us know - we'll share them with other schools and credit you!**