

An Ethical Dilemma

Scenario 1

You are a newly appointed lecturer and you are asked to invigilate a final honours-level exam. It is not in your subject but you recognise some of the students from your own course. About half-way through the exam, one of students known to you puts up her hand and asks to be accompanied to the toilet. As you wait outside you hear her speaking to someone, although you can't hear what she is saying. You walk into the bathroom and see that she is talking to someone on a mobile phone. She immediately turns it off when she sees you.

The student claims that it was a personal phone call, and that she didn't know that mobiles weren't allowed in the exam hall. You find that hard to believe, but on the other hand you have no concrete evidence that she was cheating. In your experience, she is an amiable, bright and hard-working student.

You should discuss as a group what you would do, why you have chosen that option and what the possible consequences of your actions may be,

