



Student and Sixth Form Agreement

This is what we expect of you in order to ensure that you develop and succeed in this Sixth Form:

100% attendance and 100% punctuality at all lessons and study periods; sign in between 8.40 and 9am when there is no Period 1 timetabled and between 1.15 and 1.30 when there is no Period 4 timetabled.

- There is a really positive correlation between attendance and achievement. Missing lessons and using study periods in an unproductive manner will be detrimental to your achievement.
- **For every lesson and am/pm sign in missed without an acceptable reason, you may be required to make up the time after school in 1 hour blocks.**
- In some cases, students will be given the opportunity to apply for 'Home Study': this is dependent upon predicted grades against targets and ATLs. No Year 12 student will be in a position to apply for Home Study until after Christmas.
- We will refer to your attendance in any reference that we do for you, so it is important that you establish good habits early in Year 12.

Consistent adherence to our business dress code.

- Business dress sends a positive message to students, teachers and the community. Sixth Form is your full time job, and all professional jobs have a dress code. By dressing in a professional manner, you are preparing yourself mentally for work.
- **Should you be deemed to be dressed inappropriately, you will receive a verbal warning on the first occasion; should you flout the dress code again, you will be sent home to change, and thereby be required to make up any work missed.**

Adhere to the rules for motorised vehicles

- Students with their own vehicles may park in the visitors car park and on Queensway. They are not to park in the staff car park. Many of the staff work at our other academies and need to be able to park when they return.
- We need to be able to identify the owner of every car, even if it is parked on Queensway. This is so that if there was a problem (lights left on, blocking a driveway etc) contact with the owner can be made. With this in mind, all students with a car must apply for a parking permit from Mrs Franklin. The permit should be displayed in the windscreen of cars, or attached to motorbikes during school hours.
- Students are not permitted to bring their vehicles on site between 8.30-9.00 and 15.25-15.40; this is to allow other students to leave the site safely. The speed limit on the site is 5 mph and this must be adhered to.

High levels of respect for yourselves and everyone that you come into contact with in the Sixth Form and on the school site.

- You must think highly of yourself in order to achieve. Demonstrating respect towards others helps us to develop morally and socially. Sixth Formers should set a positive example to students in the main school; co-operate with one another; and respect that fact that all members of staff are doing their utmost to ensure that you fulfil your potential.
- **Anyone who is guilty of showing a lack of respect will be dealt with accordingly by the Director of Sixth Form**

High Levels of Achievement.

- All students have Target Minimum Grades to which they should endeavour to meet and surpass; TMGs should be viewed as a lever, not a lid. We use a fine grading system that indicates how secure you are within a particular grade. 'Next Steps Advice Cards' which outline key targets will be provided to students who are two grades below their TMG in any subject. You will need to show evidence of acting upon this advice.
- **Students who are given a card are expected to spend at least one study period a day (if not a day fully timetabled with lessons) in the Study Area addressing their next steps until the next reporting session.**
- **Students who fail to show evidence of acting upon their next steps by the next reporting session will also spend 1 hour after school every week working to rectify their underachievement.**

A strong work ethic.

- A poor work ethic, alongside poor attendance, is the biggest barrier to achievement. Nobody has forced you to stay here at Sixth Form: it is your choice, and therefore we are within our rights to expect you to work hard.
- **Any student who receives an AtL of 3 or 4 in one or more subjects will be monitored for a period of 2 weeks; if no improvement is seen, then the student will spend 1 hour after school every week working on the subject(s) for which they received an AtL of 3 or 4 until the next reporting session.**

Make good use of study periods.

- These are not 'free' periods. It is suggested that for every hour spent in the classroom, there should be an additional hour of independent study outside of the classroom. We expect to see all students working hard during these periods.

Undertake a voluntary activity throughout Year 12.

- You are role models within both the school and the local communities, and your input into other activities has a positive effect on others. Furthermore, the selflessness, diligence and commitment required to regularly undertake voluntary work will develop you as a person, and will be alluded to in future references for university or employment: admissions tutors and employers are keen to see diversity and a willingness to take on extra duties, particularly those that benefit others.

Achieve at least a Grade C in GCSE English and maths.

- These qualifications are required by all universities and any reputable employer.
- **Where a student has not achieved these grades in Year 11, they will be expected to attend any timetabled re-sit classes in Year 12. If re-sit classes are not viable, then the student must attend after school revision classes (see relevant faculties).**

No holidays to be taken during term time.

- Being away from school negatively impacts your attendance and, consequently, your achievement.
- **Any student who takes a holiday during term time will commit to a 1 hour after school study session in the Study Area for each day missed upon their return.**

Complete 4 subjects during Year 12 and 3 A2s during Year 13.

- This is our policy. With the changes in the A Level structure coming in some subjects will only have exams at the end of year 13. Even though you won't complete all 4 subjects in year 13 we still expect you to do 4 in year 12. Research shows that students taking less than the recommended number of courses in Year 12 and Year 13 perform worse; arguably, their work ethic is not as strong, so the last thing they need are fewer timetabled lessons.
- You will continue to study all 4 subjects in Year 12, up until at least pre-public exam results day; at which point, you can make an informed decision regarding your options for Year 13.
- **The Director of Sixth Form will only allow a student to drop a subject early should they feel that it is more detrimental to the student for them to carry on with that subject; this is at his discretion, and will follow a period of consultation.**

Achieve a minimum of 3 Grade Ds at AS Level in order to continue into Year 13.

- Students who start an A2 subject on a Grade E are at risk of failing. A student who starts an A2 subject with a Grade U at AS is especially unlikely to pass the course. It is therefore not in your best interests to continue an educational pathway that could result in failure. If you are on courses that all have end of year 13 exams, special effort should be made in the pre-public exams to give a clear indication of current levels of progress.
- **The Director of Sixth Form will look at individual cases following the publication of AS results. Decisions to allow a student to continue a subject in which they got an E will be at their discretion and on the advice of subject teachers. No student will be permitted to continue a subject in which they got a U.**
- **Should a student be allowed to continue a subject in which they got an E, the student will commit to a 1 hour after school study session in the Study Area every week.**

By signing below, you are hereby agreeing to the terms outlined.

PRINT NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____ TUTOR GROUP _____