

Whitchurch High School 6th Form Student Contract

As students settle into their chosen courses, they will now be aware of the challenges that face them. The learning environment is different with far more emphasis placed on self-study and self-organisation; a necessity of Higher Education.

Whilst the Sixth Form works on the principle of 'structured autonomy' it is nevertheless important that the structure itself is carefully observed. To this end we would like to draw your attention to the following basic but essential requirements made of students.

Section 1 – CURRICULUM

- Any student who is unable to co-operate with the expectations listed on this document needs to be aware that it may be reflected in any reference the school may write. Formal warning and notification will be given to the student and parent/carer if any of the expectations are not adhered to.
- All students must attend all compulsory classes/tutorials/timetabled events punctually.
- Periods of 'free time' are for private study in school – using the library, study area or other agreed working areas.
- Work / coursework deadlines set by the teachers must be adhered to. Failure to meet set deadlines will result in warnings being given and contact being made with parents/carers to discuss continuation on courses affected.
- Students who wish to drop a subject MUST complete a form available from the pastoral team. The form will need to be countersigned by you the student, your parents/ carers, the subject teacher(s) concerned, the Department Leader and Mr Havard, Head of Sixth Form / Mr Davies Assistant Headteacher.
- No student will be allowed to continue in Whitchurch High's Sixth Form with less than three AS subjects in Yr 12 or less than two A2 subjects in Yr 13. It is strongly recommended that students follow a minimum of three A2 subjects in year 13.

Section 2 – ATTENDANCE

- Attendance is required at each timetabled session unless a legitimate reason is given
- The school must be notified on the day of any absence. The sixth form pastoral assistant can be reached on 029 20 629742. Absence letters are required on the first day back to school.

Section 3 – SCHOOL LIFE

- The common room / study area and library are all available to all Year 12 and 13 students and it is the responsibility of each individual to ensure that they are all well maintained.
- We are a non-smoking school and students should not smoke or vape on the school site, near the school premises or during commutes.
- Drugs or alcohol are not permitted on the school premises. Any student found in possession, dealing, condoning the use of, or who is under the influence of such substances will be investigated and face permanent exclusion.
- Students who bring bikes to school should store them in designated areas with their own locking devices. Bikes must not be ridden on the school site at any time. Bikes are brought onto the school premises at students' own risk.
- Electric scooters are not allowed onto the school site at any time.

- Students who drive to school must not drive onto the site or park cars or motorcycles on site. Students must also consider the needs of our neighbours and local community.
- Any phones, laptops, i-pads, tablets and any other electronic devices brought onto premises are done so at the student's own risk.
- Students are reminded that they are the most senior members of the school and should conduct their behaviour, accordingly, setting a good example at all times to younger pupils.
- Following an initial allocation of student printing credits, there will be a charge for further printing credits. These credits may be added to during the year as necessary through the library. If financing additional credits is proving difficult, students will need to see the Head of 6th form.

Section 4 – DRESS CODE

Sixth Formers return to school voluntarily as their place of study and work. A privilege of membership of senior school deems that for sixth form students there is no longer a requirement to wear school uniform. However, as senior students there is a responsibility to dress as befitting a working environment and thus a DRESS CODE applies.

This acknowledges student individuality, yet, ensures that students are well presented in the community and are role-models to pupils in Years 7-11.

Guidelines

- Clothes should be worn that are appropriate for a place of study and work
- Casual clothing must be 'smart'
- Long trousers or jeans must be sufficiently neat and tidy – under no circumstances should they be "cut-off" or frayed.
- Shirts, T-shirts can be worn, but not bear any inappropriate logos or wording
- Hoods on tops must be worn down at all times
- Given the very nature of a working school, all students must dress respectfully, and thus shoulder-less tops, immodest necklines, low slung trousers or vest-type attire will not be accepted
- Midriffs should be covered
- Skirts should be of a respectable length
- Students may wear tailored 'Chino'-type shorts of discreet single colour, but other leisure shorts will not be accepted
- Hats/caps/sunglasses should not be worn when inside school buildings
- The school respects that articles of faith are worn but we appreciate consultation, especially with consideration to Health and Safety
- If facial jewellery is worn, it must be one small plain stud in each ear lobe only
- Hairstyles must be appropriate to a school environment. Avoid: hair dyed in unnatural hair colours such as blue, green, pink etc; bands of colour; tramlines; shapes cut into hair, etc.
- Discrete make up allowed
- Identity lanyards must be worn and be visible by each student when on the school site

ALL senior students play a valuable role as role models, and an appropriate dress code encourages younger pupils to assume high standards. **Senior staff are the arbiters of what is acceptable.**

Declaration

Make sure that you have shared and discussed the content of this document with a parent/carers before you tick the box to confirm that you have read, understood and agreed to the sixth form student contract.

A copy of this document is available on the school website in the following location

<http://www.whitchurchhs.com/Admissions/Sixthform.html>