



The Tiffin Girls' School

BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING POLICY

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1. The Tiffin Girls' School (the School) vision is to provide 'an intellectually stimulating and outward-facing School, enabling students to flourish and contribute to society'. Our motto of '*sapere aude* – dare to be wise' is embodied in our core values of 'Community' (Collaboration, Celebration of diversity & Active citizens), 'Love of Learning' (Inspiration, Embrace knowledge and Creative & Critical Thinking) and 'Character' (Integrity & Respect, Courage & Resilience and Independence & Initiative). As such, all members of our community are committed to contributing to the ethos of the School in a responsible and meaningful way.
2. This policy is comprised of the following key sections:
 - A. Ethos – Aims and Practice
 - B. Expectations of behaviour
 - C. Rewards – Principles and Practice
 - D. Sanctions – Principles and Practice
 - E. Additional areas of guidance relating to behaviour
3. This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies: Safeguarding Policy, Attendance Policy, Equality Scheme, E-Safety Policy, Teaching and Learning Policy, Exclusion Policy, Substance Abuse Policy, Anti-Bullying Policy, Student Restraint Policy, Discrimination Incident Policy and SEND Policy.

A. ETHOS

Aims

4. This policy aims to:
 - clearly define the expectations we have for each member of the School community;
 - promote a consistent approach to the management of behaviour throughout the School;
 - promote equal opportunities;
 - encourage a positive and supportive atmosphere for learning and teaching so that students can thrive and engage positively with new experiences and understanding;
 - recognise and celebrate the achievements of all students within the School whether they are academic, sporting, creative or pastoral;
 - nurture compassion, kindness, initiative and charity within our community;
 - encourage learning for life; promoting the seamless blending of a positive attitude, personal resilience and rounded knowledge and skills to succeed in a variety of situations;
 - cultivate an appreciation that we can impact or influence other's experience in many ways and that we should be mindful of our presence and actions as part of a School community
 - encourage engagement that is perceptive and allows students to act considerately within the world around them;
 - encourage respect for the physical environment; recognising the importance of sustainability, the impact of the environment on our learning, and the legacy of decisions and actions on our physical world;

- foster a culture of mutual respect and tolerance between all students and staff and those in the wider community; including those with protected characteristics and those who are part of our lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans community;
- outline our School expectations for appropriate and considerate communication between all groups of students and staff both in person and online, so that language is not used in a way that demeans people's gender identification, sexual orientation, cultural and religious beliefs or their learning difficulties or disabilities;
- foster a willing participation in demonstrating and applying the principles and expectations of our School wide policy for successful behaviour for learning;
- promote an understanding that sanctions put in place are there for the whole School community and ensure a mutually respectful and supportive environment is maintained.

Practice

5. This policy has a wide scope. Its values and expectations are applied during lessons in School, whilst on School visits, in extra-curricular activities and online communications between members of our community.
6. As a community we implement good behaviour for learning through the following:
 - At the start of each academic year, all students and staff share our behaviour for learning aims and consider how these are realised within our School community;
 - Teaching, support staff and student leaders accept their responsibility actively to demonstrate the Behaviour for Learning policy in practice as is appropriate for their role;
 - Students, parents/carers and staff will have access to the Behaviour for Learning policy through the following forms: staff manual, on the School website and in student planners;
 - The Home-School Partnership is outlined to new parents/carers and students on admission to the School and this reflects our expectation that key policies are upheld by all members of the School community.

B. EXPECTATIONS FOR BEHAVIOUR

7. At the School we have the following expectations for behaviour.

All students will:

- Show mutual respect for fellow students and staff
- Show respect for the School environment by keeping it tidy
- Listen to and follow instructions given by teachers
- Be respectful of others' property and that of the School
- Not make use of mobile phones or smart devices within School unless authorised by a teacher
- Dress smartly for School, adhering to the School uniform expectations for 7-11 and Sixth Form dress code
- Wear lanyards at all times if they are in the Sixth form
- Move thoughtfully around the building by ensuring that they walk and do not run, adhering to examination signs, movement signs, keeping to the left on staircases, and opening doors for others.
- Communicate appropriately online and in person and be mindful of the impact that language choices can have on others
- Not bring prohibited substances or weapons into School or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs

Form time/ Assembly

- Arrive on time to registration and follow the correct procedures for being late to School
- Participate positively in form time activities and assemblies, being attentive and respectful of others.
- Move in silence to assemblies and refrain from talking during assemblies

In Lessons

- Be ready to participate fully in learning
- Arrive punctually and appropriately equipped to lessons
- Participate thoughtfully by not distracting others or talking over staff or other students
- Engage positively with all lesson activities and remain on task.
- Submit homework by the due date
- Be courteous by letting a teacher know in advance of the lesson if they have not been able to meet the expectations for a specific task or bring an item of kit
- Follow the School rules for exiting classrooms where there are designated exits via stairwells
- Ensuring they are on time by changing quickly from PE lessons and packing up in timely manner from practical subjects

Outside of lessons/trips/events

- Adhere to School rules on access to rooms and storage of School bags in the canteen
- Ensure that public behaviour upholds the School's positive reputation
- Eat only in the designated areas
- Behave on all School Visits/Residential Trips as they would at School
- Students on residential visits are required to sign that they will adhere to our School expectations for behaviour.

Movement around School

8. In a large and complex organisation such as a School it is important that everyone upholds School rules. In order to ensure the smooth running of the School, the expectation is that every member of the community will:
- Hold doors open for staff, students and visitors
 - Keep left on staircases and in corridors
 - Respect signage to keep silent during examination periods
 - Respect signage indicating entry / exit / one way
 - Students are NOT allowed to use the lift unless permission is granted by a member of staff.
 - Walk and not run around the School building
 - There should be no eating in the foyer or corridors
 - Students are not to sit in corridors, in fire exits or on stairwells
 - Hot food and drinks should be consumed in the Dining Hall and Quad (not around the building)

Use of tutor rooms

9. It is a privilege that students have the opportunity to use their form rooms before School, at recess and at lunch. It is important that all students recognise that these spaces are first and foremost teaching spaces and should be treated with respect. Whilst using form rooms students should:
- Ensure that they do not sit on tables or window ledges
 - Place all litter in bins provided
 - Ensure that no hot meals eaten in form rooms
 - Ensure that chairs and tables are rearranged for the start of each lesson
 - Vacate the room on the warning bell
 - Have a suitable padlock that securely fastens each locker

- Respect the displays and equipment in the room
 - Be considerate of the noise level within the room
 - Not use the teacher desk or monitor or whiteboard without permission
10. If students are unable to use these spaces in a safe and appropriate manner they may be excluded from the room for a period of time as determined by the Form Tutor or HoY.

Use of dining hall

11. The School dining hall is a shared and busy space where we must consider the health and safety of all individuals. For these reasons students must:
- Enter and exit only through the appropriately marked doors before School and during break and lunch.
 - Place all bags within the bag boxes or in the metal cage on the side of the room
 - Line up sensibly at the doors to the art corridor that lead onto the servery and only move to the inner servery doors when given permission by a member of staff or prefect.
 - Students with lunch passes will be permitted to go into the servery before others.
 - Students should line up considerately within the servery to pay for their food
 - No open food or hot plated food or drinks are to be taken out of the canteen or quad.
 - Clear away their own plates and cutlery, and put food scraps and recyclable material in the appropriate bins.
 - When finished in the dining hall students are responsible for stacking their own chair. (Lunch only)

Assemblies

12. Assemblies are a formal gathering within the School and so we expect all students to adhere to the following:
- Walk in silence from the form room to assembly
 - Refrain from talking during assembly
13. Failure to follow these expectations, may result in a sanction.

Caring for the School environment

14. It is the expectation that class eco representatives will ensure lights are switched off before leaving an empty room and that all waste paper is put in the recycling bin. Chairs are to be tucked away or left up on tables at the end of the day. Tutor bases are to be kept clear of clutter left on the top of storage lockers. The front field, netball courts and the quad are all areas which students enjoy in the warm weather. Picnic benches are provided also. Each person is responsible for tidying away their litter.

Out of lessons procedure

15. If a student needs to leave a lesson, the student should fill in the relevant information about date, period, out-time, reason on the out of lessons page in their planner and should present this to the teacher with her planner open on the 'out of lessons record' page and the member of staff initials his/her consent. On return to that lesson or a subsequent lesson, the in-time should be filled in by the teacher. Students are required to take their planners with them whilst out of lessons as they may be stopped by members of staff to explain why.

Drinking water

16. Students may carry transparent sports-style water bottles in lessons. However, they are not allowed to drink in Science, DT or IT rooms, corridors or public spaces in the School.

Alcohol, smoking and misuse of substances

17. Students are not permitted to drink alcohol, smoke or misuse any substances on School property (including lunch times) or during trips and visits. Prohibited substances and smoking paraphernalia should not be brought into School. No chewing gum is permitted in School.

Medicines

18. Any medicines brought to School must be lodged with the School office. Students must not store medicines in their lockers. No medicines may be dispensed by the School. All medicines lodged at the office must be in a container clearly labelled with the students' name, form and details of when the medication is needed.
19. The only other general exceptions to this are asthma inhalers and adrenaline auto-injectors which students may keep secure ready for immediate use as needed.

C. REWARDS

20. As a School community, we see reward giving as an integral part of the feedback that young people receive in School life. Praise and rewards demonstrate the School community's appreciation of an individual's contribution to their own and others' learning, their participation, effort and achievement. Additionally, it also allows us to recognise the contributions that young people make to their local, national and global communities. Pedagogically we also recognise that rewards have a motivational effect and promote whole person development when we recognise positive behaviours.

Principles:

21. As a School community we recognise that praise should reflect the School's values of 'Community', 'Love of Learning' and 'Character':
 - be given for conscious participation, progress and attainment;
 - recognise a variety of achievements from academic, sporting, creative and citizenship endeavours;
 - reflect positive values, attitudes, actions and sense of spirit;
 - reflect a wide scope for achievement: within lessons, outside of lessons, extra-curricular activities and within the wider community;
 - have an aspirational effect on others.

Practice:

22. Reward giving is implemented through the following:
 - Subject teachers consistently recognise participation, effort and achievement within their lessons;
 - Staff should also consistently recognise and celebrate values, actions and behaviour which contribute positively to our community;
 - Lead staff organising extra-curricular activities should consistently recognise the participation and achievement of those involved;
 - Staff can recognise students for praise through the giving of merit stamps, written acknowledgements in newsletters, plasma screen displays, certificates, celebration assemblies, praise letters, postcards and verbal commendation;
 - Termly, each Head of Year will lead year group celebration assemblies;

- At the end of each academic year, the School recognises sustained achievement, participation and citizenship through year group celebration assemblies;
- The School also holds formal prize giving ceremonies for students at the end of each key stage;
- Through the Jack Petchey champions scheme we also recognise wider contributions from our School community.
- Students are encouraged throughout their time at the School to take on leadership positions whereby they can represent the interests of other students and give back to the School community in a service role. Roles that they might undertake are: Form Captain, House Captain, School Council Representative, Eco Representative, Charity Representative, Community Representative, Mental Health Champion, Form Associate, Subject Associate, LRC Team Member, Library Archivists, School Officers (Head Girl, Deputy Head Girl, House Officer).
- Headteacher Awards – awarded weekly in relation to the School’s three core values of ‘Community’, ‘Love of Learning’ & ‘Character’. Staff can nominate students for these awards based upon demonstrating behaviours that uphold these three core values.

Guidance on Rewards

23. This is intended as a guide only and staff should make use of their professional judgement in deciding which behaviours and accomplishments that they would like to reward. Rewards fit under our values of ‘Community’ ‘Love of Learning’ and Character’. As such, recognition should reference the development of these attributes.

| Reward from | Examples might be recognition of: | Range of methods of Reward |
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| Staff in different roles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation inside and outside of lessons • Progress • Attainment • Effort • Achievement • Positive values, actions and behaviours towards the School community • Citizenship endeavours • Contribution to the form, year or School community • Positive values, actions and behaviours towards the School community • Leadership responsibilities • Participation and achievement in charity events | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal Commendation • Merits stamps or stickers • Recommendations to HOD for Department Commendations/recognition • Recommendations for a Headteacher’s Award • Plasma screen display • Classroom displays • Recommendations to HOY for Celebration Assembly Commendation Certificates • Praise letters for sustained achievement and attainment • Certificates for 100% attendance and punctuality • Merit Awards (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum) • Acknowledgement in newsletter • Recommendations for Sports Awards Evening and Prize Giving (end of KS3, KS4, KS5) |

D. SANCTIONS

24. If students do not meet our expectations for behaviour, there are occasions when we may need to support students in understanding the impact of their behaviour. In such situations, we may need to employ sanctions.
25. Sanctions are designed to encourage reflection, restoration and responsibility, helping instil in the young person life lessons that they can draw on to inform their own values and future decision making. As such, sanctions are put in place to help consolidate and reinforce the School values and expectations. These are only ever applied with the spirit of assisting young people to understand and respect other students, staff, the School environment and above all themselves.
26. For the purpose of classifying and managing situations where behaviour necessitates a sanction, the following definitions outline the impact, seriousness and escalation of transgressions.

LOW LEVEL Behaviour:

Behaviour that is disruptive enough to slow the pace of the lesson or safe movement around the School but not serious enough to draw it to a halt or put someone in immediate harm

MEDIUM LEVEL Behaviour:

Behaviour that is deliberately disruptive and actively goes against established rules and expectations. Such behaviour has an impact on others, the School and the environment; and has the potential of causing emotional, physical or mental harm.

HIGH LEVEL Behaviour:

Behaviour that is extremely inappropriate or overtly disrespectful with the deliberate intention of causing harm to others, the School or society. Such actions may have serious and long-term impacts or consequences.

27. There is a possibility that a certain behaviour can result in permanent exclusion (see paragraph 37). If that is the case, the Exclusion Policy should be followed.

Principles:

28. Sanctions should:
 - Align with the expectations (listed above) we have of the students
 - Enable the safety and care of all members of the School community;
 - Ensure that the School community is harmonious and supports the rights and responsibilities of all;
 - Ensures that we all contribute to a shared ethos and supportive learning community;
 - Follow a process of reflection, restoration and consolidation;
 - Be communicated meaningfully and sensitively by a member of staff so that the young person is fully aware of the reason for the sanction;
 - Allow the young person to appreciate that the sanction is a consequence of a poor choice rather than innate behaviour;
 - Support the reflection of the impact of one's action on others and the School body;
 - Refocus students' understanding that they are a representative of the School and as such should embody our agreed ethos and values;
 - Reaffirm that the student is valued as an individual and as a representative of the School and with this comes collective and individual responsibility;
 - Provide a fitting sanction to address the poor choice with the goal of consolidating student learning;
 - Provide time, space (where needed) and support to fully appreciate the scope of actions and choices within a young person's life;

- Be time bound and allow each young person to start afresh following this learning opportunity;
- Be respectful of a young person's right to address poor choices without being made an example for others;
- Be communicated sensitively to others on a need to know basis.
- Ensure that when students are in School uniform and outside of the School, the same expectations for good behaviour apply
- Not be applied to a whole class as a class detention

Practice:

29. The consistent implementation of sanctions is achieved through the following:

- All students are made aware of expectations for behaviour through the School planner, notices in form rooms and around the School, assemblies and form time communications;
- All staff are given a copy of the staff manual each year and are expected to revisit the behaviour for learning expectations and specific guidance documents and employ these procedures when dealing with inappropriate behaviour;
- All teachers address behaviour concerns in their own lessons and in the general School environment. Where further support or sanctions are required within lessons this is facilitated through HOD discussion and strategies;
- The HOY takes an overview role in working with individuals on their behaviour for learning, and where necessary they liaise with parents/carers and outside services and issue sanctions;
- Support staff are also responsible for maintaining and recording behaviour for learning concerns;
- Through SLT meetings, pastoral leadership meetings, academic leadership meetings and working parties, key areas for staff development are reviewed and strategies for encouraging behaviour for learning are honed and amended;
- A member of the SLT has the responsibility to ensure that all staff have access to the skills and knowledge to deal with a variety of behaviour for learning concerns and this is delivered at whole School insets;
- Parents/carers are kept abreast of situations in which a student is not meeting our expectations for behaviour for learning and the strategies and sanctions that will be employed by the School. We will always ask parents/carers to work in partnership with the School to foster good behaviour for learning.
- Governors are informed of trends in behaviour for learning and strategies that are employed to ensure a harmonious School community.

Guidance on behaviour sanctions:

Use of Detentions

30. Sanctions at the School are designed to encourage reflection, restoration and responsibility. As a tool to achieve this, detentions have the purpose of consolidating and reinforcing the School's values and expectations by setting aside formal time to reflect and the completion of an appropriate task for the behaviour.

31. The School has defined three categories of behaviour that differ in relation to their severity.

- Low Level Behaviour
- Medium Level Behaviour
- High level Behaviour

32. Detailed descriptions of these categories, appropriate sanctions, and who should be responsible for setting the sanction are set out below.

Escalating behaviour:

33. In the first instance, all staff make use of the following in lessons to address low-level behaviour that disrupts the lesson:



Students must be spoken to throughout this process

- Teachers should set the sanction for low level behaviours in their own lessons as set out in this document. This may involve the class teacher setting a teacher detention.
- Subject teacher gives sanction. HoD may be asked for advice and guidance on low level behaviour management.
- HoD/HoY detention is given for: medium level behaviours and persistent low level behaviour concerns - uniform, lates, mobile phone usage, behaviour outside of the lesson, persistent misbehaviour in lessons; persistent incomplete classwork and homework; failure to reach coursework deadlines; persistent organisation and equipment issues.
- SLT detention is given for high level behaviours as per the Behaviour for Learning Policy and failure to attend HoD/HoY detention without an agreed reason.
- HT detentions are given when high level behaviours continue or when there is persistent failure to attend SLT detentions.

| Detention Type | Duration | When | Venue |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Teacher detention | 15 minutes | (break/lunch/after School) | Classroom |
| HOD/HOY detention | 30 minutes | (Wednesday 3:20-3:50pm) | Dining Hall |
| SLT Detention | 60 minutes | (Friday 3:20-4:20pm) | Dining Hall |
| HT detention | 120 minutes | (Friday 3:20-5:20pm) | |

Managing detentions:

- Class teacher detentions can be set on any day of the week and do not require parental permission. The class teacher manages the venue and when this will be completed.
- HoD/HoYs detentions should be given in consultation with Subject Teachers/HOD or Tutors/HOY.
- The HoD/HoY detention rota is shared between Heads of Years and Heads of Department
- During a detention students will be issued with a detention booklet which contains a variety of tasks that students may be asked to complete. Students may be instructed to:
 - Complete a restorative justice reflection sheet on their behaviour or a similar task to facilitate them considering their actions.
 - For Mobile Phone, Uniform infringements and Chewing Gum there are set reading response tasks
- There is an expectation that the subject teacher has taken the time to talk through the behaviour concern, the reason for the detention and the work that they expect the student to complete in the detention.
- SIMS is to be used to record and manage detentions so that this can be centralised.

- Communications to parents/carers regarding students attending detentions will be given by the Tuesday for HOD/HOY detentions and by Thursday lunchtime for the SLT/HT detention

LOW LEVEL BEHAVIOUR SANCTIONS:

34. The following details specific sanctions that should be employed for other specific low-level behaviours. In all cases, staff should inform the student about their behaviour and the sanction should be recorded on SIMS.

| Behaviour | Sanction/Action | Responsibility |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| Inappropriate behaviour around School (3 instances = detention) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chewing gum - Lack of care for the environment - Queue jumping - Running in the School | Address on the spot | All staff |
| Inappropriate behaviour during assembly, fire alarm, exams period | Teacher gives warning | All staff |
| Indirect swearing | Staff member to give warning | All staff |
| Indirect use of derogatory language including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Homophobic, transphobic biphobic - Racism, religious intolerance, sexism | Staff member to explore use of language and intention/ Teacher Detention | All staff |
| Unreasonable lateness | Staff warning | Class teacher |
| Talking over others (teacher/students) | Teacher Detention | Class teacher |
| Inappropriate behaviour in lessons | Teacher Detention | Class Teacher |
| Showing lack of respect for others | Teacher Detention | Class Teacher |
| 3 instances of lack of equipment | Teacher detention | Class teacher |
| Lack of PE equipment | Teacher detention | Class teacher |
| 2 instances of lack of homework | Teacher detention | Class teacher |

MEDIUM LEVEL BEHAVIOUR SANCTIONS

35. For all instances of Medium level behaviour – parents/carers must be informed and the following sanctions may be employed. Staff should log all instances of Medium level behaviour on SIMS. Persistent is categorised as three times.

| Behaviour | Sanction | Responsibility |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Disrespectful and defiant to staff | HOD/HOY Detention / report | HOY/HOD |
| Persistent lateness to lessons | HOY/HOD Detention / report | HOY |
| Mistreatment of others/name calling | HOY/HOD Detention | HOY |
| Plagiarism and cheating | HOD/HOD Detention | HOD |
| Dissent – deliberately ignoring School rules | HOY/HOD Detention / report | HOD/HOY |
| Inappropriate use of IT | HOY/HOD Detention / IT revoked | HOY |
| Causing a safety concern for others | HOY/HOD detention | HOD |

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| Truancing | HOY/HOD Detention | HOY/SLT |
| Direct Swearing | HOY/HOD Detention | HOD/HOY |
| Inappropriate physical contact | HOY/HOD detention / internal* / apology letter | HOY/SLT |
| Graffiti/vandalism | HOY/HOD Detention – cleaning sanction | HOY/SLT |
| Petty theft | Replace goods / HOD/HOY Detention | HOY |
| Smoking/vaping | Internal* | HOY/SLT |
| Failure to complete teacher sanction | HOY/HOD detention | HOD/HOY |
| Persistent low level behaviour | HOY/HOD report card | HOD/HOY |
| Repeatedly talking in assembly, fire alarm, Exams (2 instances) | HOY/HOD detention | HOY |
| Non wearing of lanyards (6 th form) | Address on the spot, HOY/HOD detention | HOY |
| Persistent inappropriate 6 th form dress | HOY/HOD detention | HOY |
| Uniform infringements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rolling up skirts, deliberately wearing a skirt that is too short, - incorrect School shoes, wearing socks over tights, deliberately wearing tights in a state of disrepair - jewellery, inappropriate hair accessories, make-up/ nail varnish, - wearing PE kit to lessons without permission | Address on the spot, HOY/HOD detention | All staff/ HOY |
| Mobile phone infringement | HOY/HOD detention | All staff |

HIGH LEVEL BEHAVIOUR SANCTIONS

36. In high-level behaviour situations, parents/carers will be informed, all instances will be logged on SIMS, there may be multiple sanctions and external services involved.

* internal = fixed term internal exclusion, e.g. the student is taken off timetable but remains on the school premises

** external = fixed term external exclusion whereby the student is not permitted to attend school or permanent exclusion

| Behaviour | Sanction/Action | Responsibility |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| Failure to attend HOD/HOY detention without agreement | SLT detention | SLT |
| Failure to attend an SLT detention without agreement | HT detention | HT |
| Instance of direct offensive language used towards others | Instance logged on HBT language log/student contract/internal*/ external** /SLT detention | SLT/HOY |
| Bullying inclusive of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Homophobic, biphobic, or transphobic - Religious intolerance - Racism - Sexism | Mediation/behaviour modification counselling/name logged on bullying register/student contract/internal*/ external**/police | HOY/SLT |

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| | involvement/Formal apology/ SLT detention | |
| Possession of drugs, alcohol or smoking paraphernalia | Internal*/External**/ Involvement of the police | SLT |
| Being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at School or on a School visit | External** | SLT |
| Theft of a serious nature | Financial Reparations/External** | HOY/SLT |
| Physical assault | External** | SLT |
| Bringing a weapon or dangerous implement into School | External** | SLT |
| Extremely inappropriate use of IT | External** | HOY/SLT |
| Damage to property | Internal*/External** | HOY/SLT |
| Teacher Abuse | External** | SLT |
| Calling the School name into disrepute | Internal*/External** | SLT |
| Persistent medium level behaviour | Internal*/report card | HOY/SLT |

37. There may be occasions where the nature of the high-level behaviour necessitates permanent exclusion. In such cases, any decision made to permanently exclude will be in alignment with government guidance on agreed circumstances:

- Serious actual or threatened violence against another student or a member of staff
- Sexual abuse or assault
- Supplying illegal drugs
- Persistent and malicious disruptive behaviour, including open defiance or refusal to conform to School rules

38. Further details on permanent exclusion can be found in our Exclusion Policy.

E. ADDITIONAL AREAS OF GUIDANCE RELATING TO BEHAVIOUR

Attendance and punctuality

39. The School believes that punctuality and regular attendance are essential. The following sets out the expectations for attendance, punctuality, leave requests and the sanctions that may be put in place if not followed.

- School hours are 8.30am until 3.15pm. Monday to Friday.
- Students are expected to arrive at School by 8.25am, ready for morning registration at 8.30am. This enables time for them to go to their lockers and be ready to start the School day.
- Students who are late to School and arrive before the end of AM registration should go directly to their form room and their tutor will input their late attendance.
- Students who arrive late to School on an assembly day and before the end of AM registration should sign in at reception and go directly to the assembly venue.
- Students who arrive to School after 8:50 should report to the School office immediately upon their arrival and sign in.
- Students are expected to be on time for all lessons, and will be marked as late by teachers if they are not on time. This will be monitored by individual teachers and further sanctions may be implemented.
- If a student is absent owing to illness, parents/carers must telephone the School by 8.25 am and leave a message on the designated absence line or they can report this absence using the webPortal. If no reason has been given for absence on the day a student has not been present, the School will contact parents/carers for an explanation.

- On return to School, parents/carers should ensure that they have provided written verification for the absence either through the webPortal or in hardcopy. webPortal letters may only be used for absences up to 7 days after the day the student was away. Letters should be written and signed by a parent and addressed to the form tutor, explaining the nature of the illness. Any letters written by students will be returned to parents/carers who will be asked to confirm the absence themselves. Please note that emails and text messages are not acceptable.
- Permission should be sought for any known absence other than illness and should be requested in advance. Students can do this by filling in an Absence Request form for that day and submitting it to their tutor with additional supporting information if available. Absence request forms are available from the School office or on our School website. These should be submitted to the School at least one week in advance.
- Only in the case of a dental or medical emergency will an Absence Request form be accepted on the day. In this situation, the student should take the form to the HoY for immediate approval before registration.
- If students need to leave School before the end of the School day, they should take the approved Absence Request slip to reception and sign out. Students will be required to keep their Absence Request form (which has been stamped with the School stamp) on them in the event of being stopped by truancy officers or the police.
- Students are expected to leave the premises promptly at the end of the School day unless they are remaining for a supervised after-School activity. If not in a supervised activity, students should be in the LRC until 4.30pm. Sixth formers may be in the Sixth Form Centre until 6.00pm. There are occasions when students will be permitted to stay on after this time to attend a School event but supervision will be arranged by the lead teacher for that event.
- Persistent issues with attendance may result in the involvement of the Educational Welfare Service to improve attendance.
- If a student is late three or more times in the same term, this may result in sanctions below:

Process for Dealing with concerns about attendance

- HOYs monitor attendance weekly and this is discussed in SLT line management meetings. This includes monitoring of attendance percentages and unexplained absences.
- If a student's attendance falls below 95% then attendance is monitored. Often this is for a satisfactory reason e.g. for bouts of illness or for medical reasons. If an unsatisfactory reason is given, further information may be needed from parents/carers or health professionals.
- If attendance falls below 90% parents/carers are contacted by the HOY and there is a discussion in regards to improving attendance.
- If attendance does not improve there may be a need for further support e.g. through Attendance Reports or involvement of the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO).

Sanctions for dealing with punctuality

40. The following sanctions are in place when a student's punctuality for registration falls below expectation.

| No. of lates | Action | Further actions |
|--------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 3 | Put on Green Report for attendance. Monitored by form tutor | Failure to complete – HoY detention |

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| 6 | 5 consecutive days signing in with HOY at 08.20 | Failure to complete – HoY detention |
| 9 | HOY informs parents/carers – 5 consecutive days signing in with HOY at 08.20 and HOY detention | Put on Orange Report for attendance for 2 weeks |
| 12 | Meeting with parents/carers - HoY/SLT 10 consecutive days signing in with HoY at 8:20 and 2 x SLT detention | Put on Red report for attendance |
| 15 or continued persistent lateness | Meeting with student, parent/carer and Headteacher Other sanctions as appropriate | Referred to Educational Welfare Officer |

*The number of lates is wiped at the end of each term.

**Continued persistent lateness refers to a situation when a student is repeatedly identified as late in arriving to School over multiple terms.

41. Further information about attendance procedures and actions that may be taken against students and parents/carers who have persistent low attendance can be found in our Attendance Policy.

Guidance for Searching, Screening and Confiscation

42. The following document is designed to inform and guide staff in best practice for searching students, screening students and confiscating items from students. This is based upon the following guidance from the Department for Education *Searching, Screening and Confiscation* February 2014.

- School staff can search a student for any item if the student gives consent.
- Headteachers and staff authorised by them have a statutory power to search students and their possessions, without consent, where they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that a student may have a prohibited item.
- Prohibited items include: knives or weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs, stolen items, tobacco and cigarette papers, fireworks, pornographic images, any article that the member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be used to commit an offence or to cause personal injury, damage property or another person
- Headteachers and any staff authorised can also search for any item which is banned by the School rules.
- School staff can confiscate the following items: prohibited items, items considered harmful or detrimental to School discipline.
- Under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights students have the right to respect for their private life and therefore in this context have the right to expect reasonable levels of personal privacy. The advice from the Department for Education is in accordance with Article 8.
- Schools can require students to undergo screening by a walk-through or hand-held metal detector (arch or wand) even if they do not suspect them of having a weapon and without the consent of the students.
- Schools have a statutory responsibility to make rules on student behaviour and therefore screening can be part of that.

43. The School is proud of our safe learning environment where the need for searching and screening is very rare.

Process for Searching

- 44.** The following process should be undertaken if a member of staff suspects a student has a banned item in her possession.
- i. Establish ground rules for the search with the student, explaining what you are going to do
 - ii. Ask for verbal consent e.g. for students to turn out pockets, empty their bag or locker
 - iii. Ascertain whether the student is in possession of a banned item. The extent of the search should only include students being asked to remove outer clothing (e.g. a coat), empty pockets, desks, lockers and bags.
 - iv. If the student is in possession of a banned item
 - a. Confiscate the item
 - b. If this item is a prohibited item then parents/carers should be contacted. The police may also need to be contacted if an item is stolen or needs to be disposed of. All contact with the police should be carried out via a member of SLT.
 - c. Apply the appropriate sanction which could include contacting parents/carers, detention or School community service
 - v. All incidents should be logged.
- 45.** If a student refuses consent to search then the following process should be followed:
- If there is reasonable evidence to suggest that the student is in possession of prohibited items or items banned by the School rules then the member of staff should inform a member of SLT.
 - The student or the student's belongings can still be searched (as above) if there is reasonable evidence to suggest the student is in possession of a prohibited item or items banned by the School rules.
 - The extent of the search should only include students being asked to remove outer clothing (e.g. a coat), empty pockets, desks, lockers and bags.
 - If a student refuses to cooperate with a member of SLT then it is likely that the Police are contacted for support and advice

Process for Confiscation

- 46.** There is sometimes a need to confiscate items from students when they are not adhering to the School rules. This is most necessary at the School with mobile phones and jewellery.

Mobile phones and other hand-held technologies

- If a phone goes off on the School site or a student is using a phone in School without permission staff will confiscate the phone and hand it into the School office immediately for safe keeping. The student will also be set a thirty minute detention.
- This is logged by the School office.
- The owner can collect the phone from the School office at the end of the day. The student will have to sign for this on return.
- On a second offence, the student will be required to hand her phone into the office each morning and collect it at the end of the day for a period specified by her HOY.
- For persistent offenders they will be banned from bringing the mobile phone into School. Parents/carers will be informed.

Uniform

- 47.** If students are not in the correct uniform, then certain items can be confiscated. This is mostly items of jewellery.
- If a student is wearing a disallowed item of jewellery (e.g. indiscreet earrings, necklaces, bracelets, anklets), then a teacher can confiscate this and hand it into the School office for safe keeping. The student will also be set a 30 minute detention
 - This is logged by the School office.
 - The owner can collect the item from the School office at the end of the week. The student will have to sign for this on return.
 - For persistent offenders they will be placed on a Uniform Report by their HOY.
- 48.** 'General School Information and Rules' are adapted yearly for publication in the Student Planner and Staff Handbook to ensure that the changing needs of the students and School are met. These documents addresses the following areas: expected behaviour, sanctions and detentions, attendance, punctuality, criteria for exclusion, access to buildings in the School, movement around the School, use of tutor rooms, caring for the School environment, mobile phone and other hand-held technologies, eating and drinking around the School, alcohol, drug and misuse of substances, medicines, School and mufti day uniform expectations.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- 49.** There is a strong ethos behind the wearing of School uniform as it helps to unite the School, enhancing the School's image in the community and ensuring its students are looking smart.
- 50.** We hold high standards for how the uniform should be worn by students in Years 7-11, which should be worn correctly both in and outside of School. Students who are unable to wear the correct uniform should bring in a letter from parents/carers explaining the circumstances and show this to their Head of Year who will write in their planner that authorisation has been given for a finite period of time.
- 51.** Students who do not meet our expectations for uniform and attire will be issued with detentions.

Expectations for School Uniform and Personal Appearance Years 7-11

- All skirts should be worn on the knee
- Shirts should be tucked in and skirts should not be rolled up
- Plain, white socks (non-branded and not sports socks), 70-denier opaque black matt tights (not sheer black tights) or neutral-coloured nylon tights should be worn with uniform
- Shoes should be black, preferably leather, and provide support and protection for the feet. These should be in a serviceable, sensible style without coloured decorations. Heels should be wide-based and not be more than 4cm high. Open toes, sling backs, platform soles, canvas shoes, trainers/trainer-style shoes and high or narrow heels are not permitted. Boots are also not to be worn in School
- Outdoor coats should be plain and dark in colour and are not to be worn around the School. Hoodies and sweatshirts should not be worn in place of a coat. Leather jackets, denim jackets or faux furs are not acceptable as outdoor coats
- Jewellery worn should be discreet, such as a pair of small plain gold or silver circular stud earrings. The earrings should be a matching pair and only one earring may be worn in each ear. These should be removed for PE. No other piercings are allowed
- We recognise the diversity of our community; discreet, visible religious or cultural symbols will be individually considered on request of the parent to their daughter's Head of Year
- Hair should be kept in a neat style (whether loose or tied back) and should be of a natural hair colour. Extremes of hairstyle and unnatural bleaching or dyeing are not permitted

- Head coverings worn for religious reasons are permitted provided they are tied back for health and safety reasons. In Years 7-11 head coverings should be in School uniform colours (dark blue, grey or black). No other items of religious dress, including face coverings, are permitted
- Hair accessories may be any colour provided they are of a plain style and colour. Large or elaborate clips with flowers or other embellishments are not permitted, neither are scarves or bandanas tied around the head
- Make up or nail varnish should not be worn
- All girls should have a fastened bag or case for books and a sports holdall. Open bags, drawstring or carrier bags are not acceptable
- Students are not permitted to wear any aspect of their PE kit instead of their School uniform to normal lessons. Students attending fixtures midway through a lesson will be exempted if prior permission is given by PE staff
- A special dress code applies for non-uniform days

52. Further details on School uniform items can be found on the School website.

SIXTH FORM DRESS CODE AND SPECIAL DRESS CODE FOR YEAR 7-11 MUFTI DAYS

53. It is a sixth form privilege not to wear School uniform. However, the School expects that students will dress suitably. **Extremes of fashion are to be avoided** – many outsiders judge the School by the appearance of its sixth formers.

54. Following the work carried out by Sixth Form student researchers and subsequent discussions with representatives from Years 11, 12 and 13, the following Sixth Form dress code was agreed. It is anticipated that these will be reviewed regularly in order to respond to changing fashions in clothing.

Rules:

- i. There are to be no plunging necklines, bare shoulders or bare midriffs. Bare shoulders in this context means wearing a strapless top.
- ii. There must be no visible bras or bra straps (including spaghetti style strap tops or dresses revealing your underwear). If your dress or top straps are thin, then you must wear a strapless bra.
- iii. There should be no tattoos visible
- iv. No tongue, nose or other facial piercings are allowed on health and safety grounds
- v. Skirts must be of a suitable length – as girls vary in height and length of leg and body it has been agreed that they are to be no shorter than one third the way up the thigh from the middle of the knee. Denim skirts may be worn, provided they satisfy points 9 and 10 below
- vi. Jeans may be worn but only if they satisfy points ix. and x. below. Trousers should fit properly; there is to be no flesh on show which may cause offence or embarrassment to other people. Neither should they be too baggy, or skin tight
- vii. If leggings are worn, there must be a long top or skirt worn over the top of them, and the top/skirt must be of a length sufficient to satisfy point 5 above
- viii. Shorts may not be worn even over leggings
- ix. No torn or frayed clothing is allowed
- x. Clothing that has slogans on it which may cause offence to others may not be worn
- xi. Hats, sunglasses, or MP3/4 players are NOT to be worn in the corridors and classrooms.
- xii. Scarves are allowed; gloves are not
- xiii. No flip flops, or any form of beach wear, are allowed
- xiv. No outdoor coats are to be worn around the School. They should be stored in lockers

55. For formal occasions where students are on duty or representing the School, they are required to wear a suit or similar formal attire.