



HOME AND COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

We aim to provide your child with a sound education in a happy but disciplined environment. To do that effectively, we need to work in partnership with parents, as the mutual support that both home and College can give your child, will help them make the most of all opportunities open to them.

What can you expect from us? The College will:

- Care for your child's safety and happiness.
- Provide a balanced curriculum to meet the individual needs of your child and involve you in any decisions where there is a choice of courses.
- Ensure that your child is stretched and achieves her or his full potential as a valued member of the College community.
- Encourage your child's achievement and value all forms of success.
- Achieve high standards of work and behaviour through building good relationships and developing a sense of responsibility.
- Provide an education that builds upon your child's primary experience and provide a sound base of achievement for a wide range of opportunities available at sixteen.
- Provide a wide range of clubs and leisure activities.
- Provide a strong sense of right or wrong by developing your child's moral and spiritual awareness.
- Keep you informed about general College matters and your child's progress in particular.
- Be open and welcoming at all times and offer opportunities for you to become involved in the daily life of the College.

What do we expect from you as parents? We expect that you will:

- Ensure that your child attends the College regularly, on time, wearing full College uniform and properly equipped.
- Let the College know about any concerns or problems that might affect your child's work or behaviour.
- Provide the College with full information (updated whenever there is a significant change) about your address, phone number, emergency contact details, concerns regarding your child's health or other circumstances that might affect their wellbeing.
- Support the College's policies and guidelines for behaviour.
- Support your child in homework and other opportunities for home learning.
- Encourage your child to make the most of all her or his educational, extra-curricular, artistic and sporting opportunities.
- Attend student review appointments and discussions about your child's progress.
- Take an interest in your child's life at College.

What do we expect from your child? We expect that they will:

- Attend College regularly and on time, wearing full College uniform and properly equipped.
- Keep parents informed and encourage them to be involved.
- Bring all the equipment they need every day, including their planner which should be signed each week.

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- Adhere to our behaviour policy.
- Do all their class work and homework as best they can.
- Be polite and helpful to others and respect and accept other people's individual differences.
- Respect the right of others to a good education by allowing others to learn.
- Keep the College free from litter and graffiti.

We will provide you with:

- The College Prospectus.
 - Regular Newsletters.
 - Regular reports on academic progress.
 - Information about the important stages in your child's education.
 - Information about the positive achievements of your child.
- You also have the right to see:
- College policies, schemes of work and minutes of Governors' Meetings.
 - Curriculum records for any child for whom you have a parental responsibility.

Consultation

Parents are represented on the Federated Governing Body.

Parents are consulted on significant matters through the Annual Meeting of Governors and Academic Review Days, Questionnaires, Parent Partnership Meetings and regular Curriculum Evenings.

Additionally, we are always glad to receive and consider suggestions for ways of improving our performance.

Concerns

An appropriate member of staff will deal with any concern as quickly as possible and let you know the outcome. Depending upon its seriousness, if it is a welfare or pastoral related issue, please contact your child's Form Tutor or Pastoral Leader. If it is subject related, please contact the Subject Teacher or Curriculum Leader. For more serious matters you can contact the Assistant Principals, Vice Principals or Principal. The College Office will be able to advise you.

Meeting Us

Can we remind you that most staff are teaching during the day and that you are requested to telephone for an appointment on all occasions.

Simply turning up will not guarantee that someone will be able to deal with your problem straight away.

On matters of great urgency, parents will usually be able to see a senior member of staff within the hour. Such an appointment may of necessity, be brief, although long enough to enable action to be taken prior to a longer meeting if necessary. In non-urgent cases, an appointment with a suitable member of staff will be offered within five working days.

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Contacting us

(a) By telephone

If the matter is urgent or serious and you cannot speak immediately to the person you need, we will return your call within 24 hours.

If the matter is not urgent, we will return your call within 72 hours.

(b) By letter

Urgent or serious letters will be acknowledged and posted within 48 hours.

Non urgent letters will be acknowledged within four days.

In all cases, it is our intention not merely to acknowledge within these times but to solve any problem that is raised or, more commonly, to propose a way forward (for example by offering an appointment with the member of staff concerned).

Parents Meetings

All parents are invited to Academic Review Days each year and other meetings will be arranged as appropriate.

Parents will be invited to attend an after school session to meet their child's tutor and pastoral team in the first term.

Home and College Partnership Agreement

I have read and agree to support the principles of the Home and College Partnership Agreement.

Name of Parent/Carer: Signature:

Signature (Student): Date:.....