

Hurstmere School - Home School Agreement

As a Student

I will

- Make the best use of my time at Hurstmere School - arriving at school by 8.20am and for all lessons on time and aim for 100% attendance.
- Arrive to school in full school uniform, including wearing a blazer, a school tie, black formal school shoes and school lanyard.
- Speak and behave politely and with respect to all members of the school community.
- Listen to and respect other students' opinions, ideas and beliefs.
- Follow instructions from staff without delay or argument.
- Be organised, ensuring that I have my timetable and the correct equipment with me daily.
- Look after my equipment, take care of my books and treat school property with respect.
- Work hard, make the best effort I can and show a positive attitude to learning, asking for help when required.
- Complete my homework and ensure it is submitted on time.
- Not use my mobile phone or Smart Watch during the school day. My mobile phone will be switched off and placed in my bag in accordance with the 'On Site - Out of Sight' policy.
- Make sure my behaviour does not endanger the safety of myself and others or cause distress to anyone, including travelling to and from school and when on school trips.
- Respect and fulfil all sanctions and avoid repeating mistakes.
- Find out what opportunities are open to me to develop my interests and sporting skills.
- Ensure all written/verbal communications from teacher to my parents/guardians are delivered.
- Uphold the reputation of the school whenever I am out of school, especially when in uniform.

As a Parent/Guardian

I/ We shall

- See that my child attends school regularly, on time (by 8.20am) and is properly equipped for all lessons.
- Telephone the school at the start of my child's absence from school through illness and provide an absence note which will be sent to school on the day of his return.
- Provide a full uniform including a blazer, a school tie, black formal shoes and school lanyard, ensuring that he wears them daily. If my child arrives at school without the correct uniform, he may be kept out of lessons or sent home unless prior arrangements have been agreed with the school.
- Let the school know about any concerns or problems that might affect my child's work or behaviour. (Contact should be made with your child's form tutor in the first instance.)
- Support the School's policies and guidance for behaviour, ensuring that we understand the school rules and promote positive behaviour choices.

- Support the school's system of rewards and sanctions, including same day resets (detentions).
- Support my child with homework and other opportunities for home learning.
- Support my child in reading regularly, including discussing what they have been reading.
- Attend Parents' Evenings and discussions about my child's progress.
- Get to know about my child's life at school.
- Refrain from taking holidays during term time.
- Notify the school of any changes in personal details, so that the school has up to date contact information.
- Support the school by allowing my child to participate in surveys/questionnaires as they provide valuable information that helps to identify the strengths and areas for further development.
- Ensure that my child is aware that mobile devices and headphones are not to be seen on site and that if a mobile phone is seen during the day, it will be confiscated, and sanctions will apply.

As a School we will

- Provide opportunities for your child's academic, physical and emotional development and enable him to become a rounded global citizen, ready to make a positive impact on our community.
- Provide a safe, well-ordered and caring environment to promote your child's happiness and confidence.
- Offer a broad range of public examination courses at Key Stage 4 and invite your child to participate in a wide range of co-curricular opportunities.
- Encourage parents/guardians to participate in the educational process.
- Respond to home communication within 2 days.
- Contact parents/guardians if there is a problem with attendance, punctuality, behaviour and academic progress.
- Let parents/guardians know about concerns or problems that affect their child's work or progress.
- Send home academic reports three times a year, providing a clear summary of your child's progress.
- Provide written and verbal feedback on work regularly.
- Arrange Parents' Evening during which progress will be discussed.
- Deal with cases of bullying or harassment promptly, firmly and in an appropriate manner.
- Keep parents/guardians informed about school activities through regular letters home, newsletters and notices about special events.
- Encourage and effort, good attendance and punctuality.
- Insist on full school uniform at all times, including wearing a school blazer, tie, black formal shoes and a school lanyard. Alternatively, items may be available to be loaned to avoid isolation.

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