



STUDENT BEHAVIOUR POLICY

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Introduction

High standards of motivation and behaviour are central to the College's primary objective in aiming for excellence in all aspects of College life. The aim of the policy is to ensure that all students, as well as staff and parents / carers, clearly understand where the boundaries between acceptable and unacceptable behaviour lie. The Student Behaviour Policy recognises that students' behaviour is influenced both by rewards and sanctions. The system underpinning this policy will be firmly, fairly and consistently applied.

Purpose

This policy aims to:

- foster the ideals of hard work and individual standards of excellence;
- promote self-discipline, respect for self and others, and a sense of responsibility towards the College and the Community at large;
- foster independence of thought and deeds within the boundaries set by the College;
- ensure the health and safety of all members of the College community;
- be sensitive to the needs of differing ethnic and cultural groups;
- encourage students to be ambassadors of the College;
- enhance a student's trust, respect and loyalty to the College.

In order to maintain high standards of behaviour, bullying or harassment will not be tolerated by any member of the College community.

Guidelines

All students are expected to behave in a responsible manner, showing courtesy, respect and consideration towards other people at all times. All students are therefore expected to:

- follow the Student Contract which they will all be expected to sign;
- attend all lessons and be punctual;
- be fully supportive and make a positive contribution in all lessons;
- abide by all College rules;
- attend regular meetings with their Personal Tutor and strive to develop a positive relationship with them;
- work with complete dedication towards the targets set for them;
- inform their Personal Tutor or another member of the College if they need help;
- always show respect and consideration towards staff and visitors;
- respect and show consideration towards other students and their property;
- behave in a manner which ensures the safety and welfare of all members of the College community;
- respect the College buildings, equipment and grounds.

High standards of behaviour and excellence will be recognised directly by all members of College Staff. Breaches of the Student Behaviour Policy will be dealt with by the College 5 Stage disciplinary process detailed in the Appendix.

Corporal punishment is prohibited at CATS Canterbury. The prohibition includes the administration of corporal punishment to a student during any activity, whether or not within the College premises. The prohibition applies to all staff and volunteers.

Rewards

Rewards can be far more effective than sanctions in creating a happy and successful College.

The College will promote positive behaviour by means of frequent and recurring reinforcement. Students who distinguish themselves through their approach to work; conduct in or out of class; contribution to the life of the College or wider community; exceptional progress or development; sporting, musical, artistic or other achievement; showing initiative or taking responsibility, can expect to be praised and their accomplishments recognised by relevant members of staff.

Such acknowledgement might be in the form of verbal feedback; written comment; academic reports; Shackleton events; or other system implemented in the College; and may take place during a College Assembly or other public function. All members of staff will be encouraged to identify and bring to the attention of others in the college any instance of praiseworthy effort.

It is the ethos of the College to do its utmost to develop each student's sense of self-worth and a desire to contribute positively.

In order to achieve consistency in applying the Behaviour Policy all staff will:

- Actively use existing systems available in College and boarding to promote positive behaviour;
- Ensure that students are aware that all bullying concerns will be dealt with sensitively and effectively;
- Maintain an orderly and stimulating working environment with an emphasis on positive actions and rewards;
- Refer to the College Anti Bullying policy;
- Support students in understanding the importance of good behaviour and assist in understanding cultural differences between their own home and the UK.

Exclusions

Students may be placed directly at any stage on the Discipline Ladder according to the severity of a misdemeanour. When a student is placed on Stage 5 they will be excluded. Permanent exclusion is a sanction to be used sparingly. Report cards, detentions, student behaviour contracts and meetings with senior staff are all strategies which may be used to effect change with students before this point is reached.

Permanent exclusion may be applied when:

- the earlier stages of the Discipline Ladder have been used and the student's behaviour does not improve;

- the use or threatened use of violence against any person inside or outside the College, including intimidation or threats against staff;
- the behaviour being addressed puts the student's or others' safety at risk;
- breaches of examination regulations or any other forms of cheating;
- the student is found to be in possession of drugs or drug paraphernalia;
- the student seriously breached College rules or UK law;
- or if, in the reasonable judgement of the Principal, this is in the best interests of the Student, their peers, staff or the College

Before a permanent exclusion, the Principal or in her absence the Vice Principal will meet with the student and encourage the student to share their version of what happened. A senior member of staff will also be present to support the student and assist with their written or verbal communication.

Once a permanent exclusion is confirmed, a letter detailing the decision will be sent to the parents, and their nominated representative if relevant, as well as any necessary internal staff.

Appeals against a permanent exclusion

Appeals must be made in writing to the Chair of Governors, setting out reasons for appeal and must be received within five working days of the date of the letter confirming the permanent exclusion decision.

- For appeals regarding exclusions:
 - The Chair of Governors, c/o registrar@catscantebury.com

The Chair of Governors will ensure that the exclusion is considered either by himself where possible, or by a senior member of staff who was not directly involved with the decision to exclude. The Chair of Governors, or his delegated representative, will review the evidence and process followed and come to a decision either upholding or repealing the permanent exclusion. The decision of the appeal will be sent in writing to the person appealing the decision within 10 working days. The Chair of Governors' decision is final, and the College's Complaints Policy cannot be applied.

In a case where the permanent exclusion is repealed, the Principal must convene a meeting with relevant senior staff to discuss and confirm the plan for reintegrating the student.

Tier 4 students and permanent exclusions

Students on a Tier 4 visa will not have their sponsorship withdrawn until five working days have elapsed.

After five working days, and before ten working days as required by UKVI policy, students will have their sponsorship withdrawn meaning that their visa will be curtailed.

In the event of an appeal within 5 working days, Tier 4 Sponsorship will not be withdrawn until the decision of the appeal is sent in writing. The sponsorship withdrawal date given to UKVI will be the date that the decision was made on the appeal.

Consideration of Disabilities and Additional Learning Support

Students will be treated on an individual basis. Reasonable adjustments should be made by the Personal Tutor, the Vice Principal and Boarding Team Lead where issues of behaviour arise bearing in mind the identified needs and how they impact on a given situation.

All Personal Tutors, supported by the Pastoral Directors, Curriculum Directors, Assistant Principal Pastoral, will:

- explain to students the stated purpose of this policy through structured tutorial time;
- monitor and evaluate the success or otherwise of each student through progress reports and statements, and the rewards and sanctions systems;
- identify students who are underachieving or whose attendance is a cause for concern and mentor appropriately, referring for further support as necessary;
- work constructively and in partnership with external agencies as required and following the College Safeguarding Policy;
- report back quickly to parents/agents regarding any concerns in consultation with the Welfare Team.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The Principal in consultation with staff will undertake systematic monitoring and conduct regular reviews of this policy in order to evaluate them to ensure that the operation is effective, fair and consistent. In particular, the anti-bullying policy and guidance will be discussed, monitored and reviewed on a regular basis.

Related Documents

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| 1. College Code of Conduct | In Student Handbook |
| 2. Substance Misuse Policy | Policy and in Student Handbook |
| 3. Anti-bullying Policy | Policy and in Student Handbook |
| 4. Use of Reasonable Force Policy | Policy |
| 5. Complaints Policy | Policy and in Student Handbook |
| 6. Attendance Policy | Policy |

This policy takes account of:

- National Minimum Boarding Standards (April 2015)
- Advice from the Secretary of State

Appendix 1: Discipline Ladder guidelines

The college has a Discipline ladder in order to discipline students for different behaviors and breaking of rules and expectations

Stage Warning	Actions and sanctions	Examples of behaviours associated to the warning
Stage 0	<p>Discussion with student – action plan improvement in attendance / behaviour</p> <p>Consider Supervised extra study/ homework/place on report/gating/detention</p>	<p>Persistent lack of attention in Class- not a one off incident</p> <p>Failure to complete homework and one chance being given</p> <p>Rudeness or disrespectful behaviour in class or House</p> <p>Leaving College without an exeat</p> <p>Persistent lateness</p>
Stage 1 Issues by PT BM	<p>First Written Warning</p> <p>Consider Supervised extra study/homework/place on report/gating/detention</p>	<p>Persistent lack of attention in Class- not a one off incident</p> <p>Late for class three times in a week</p> <p>Failure to complete homework and one chance being given</p> <p>Rudeness or disrespectful behaviour in class or House</p> <p>Leaving College without an exeat</p> <p>Not following relevant rules and procedures</p> <p>Copying work from other students</p>
Stage 2 Issued by PT BM	<p>Second Written Warning</p> <p>Action with student an agreed improvement plan</p> <p>Consider Supervised extra study/homework/place on report/gating/detention</p>	<p>Fighting after investigation has taken place and no mitigating circumstances</p> <p>Bullying</p> <p>Failure to complete homework – plus booked into Supervised Study</p> <p>Repeated minor offences</p> <p>Damage to furniture (with Bill issued to cover cost of damage)</p> <p>Alcohol in rooms</p> <p>Boys in girls rooms or vice versa</p> <p>Under 17 student son an over 18 accommodation</p> <p>Student 17 or under being found in a pub</p> <p>Not following relevant rules and procedures</p> <p>Escalating after SW1 issued and situation persisting</p>
Stage 3 Issued by PD BM	<p>Senior Staff Warning</p> <p>Action with student an agreed improvement plan</p> <p>Consider Supervised extra study/homework/place on report/gating/detention</p>	<p>Failure to complete homework – and booked into Supervised Study for week</p> <p>Shoplifting (may also have police involvement)</p> <p>Serious discipline Issue/rudeness or repeated minor one with weekend curfew</p> <p>Smoking in rooms/Interfering with smoke alarm</p> <p>Bullying behaviour</p> <p>Serious case of absconding without permission</p> <p>Continuous lack of following relevant rules and procedures</p> <p>Damage to furniture</p> <p>Alcohol offence</p> <p>Plagiarism</p>
Stage 4 Issued by ADHP/SLT	<p>Final Written Warning</p> <p>A contract may be put in place stipulating clear progress which is required</p> <p>Consider Supervised extra study/homework/place on report/gating/detention</p>	<p>Fighting after investigation has taken place and no mitigating circumstances</p> <p>Bullying or Racist incidents</p> <p>Failure to complete homework with week in Supervised Study</p> <p>Repeated minor offences with curfew midweek and/or weekend</p> <p>Serious case of absconding without permission</p> <p>Damage to furniture (with Bill issued to cover cost of damage)</p> <p>Interfering with a smoke Alarm/smoking in rooms again (plus costs)</p> <p>Be in possession (or acquire) of banned or illegal items.</p>
Stage 5 Authorised by Principal/VP in her absence	<p>Suspension or suspension pending Permanent Exclusion</p> <p>Will include curfews and other action as appropriate</p>	<p>Drug Offences</p> <p>Serious Assault. Having a knife on your person.</p> <p>Serious Bullying Behaviour</p> <p>Serious non- attendance</p> <p>Continued Health and Safety issues</p> <p>Second occasion being drunk – suspension and curfews</p> <p>Be in possession (or acquire) of banned or illegal items</p>