



SENIOR SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

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INTRODUCTION

The Code of Conduct exists to ensure the protection of the individual pupil and the smooth functioning of the School community. By promoting positive values of citizenship within School, pupils are prepared to take their place as responsible adults in the world.

Good manners, a sense of responsibility, consideration for others, punctuality and tidiness are expected of pupils at all times. Any breach of good manners or good sense is a breach of this Code and contrary to the welfare of the community. Good behaviour is also expected when pupils represent the School elsewhere or are in the local community.

These rules are readily available to all parents, guardians, pupils and staff on the School website. All of us have an obligation to uphold these rules for the common good in which all members of the community should be treated with dignity, kindness and respect.

Any pupil who persistently undermines the morale and well-being of the School community may be asked to leave the School.

RULES

1. LESSONS

Pupils are expected to show a positive attitude in class, to be fully involved in a lesson, to assist the development of an effective partnership between teacher and pupils, and generally to promote the learning environment.

- a) Pupils must attend all timetabled commitments.
- b) It is a serious offence to disrupt the learning environment by poor behaviour in class.
- c) The School expects all students to work hard, seek help in areas of difficulty, and do their best. Academic honesty is highly valued, plagiarism is treated seriously and any sources used within an assignment should be acknowledged so that no unfair advantage is gained. Pupils will be held accountable for any inappropriate use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in their work.
- d) If a pupil has an authorised absence or valid reason for not attending a lesson or other commitments such as games or activities, they should personally inform the teacher responsible in advance or provide an explanation at the earliest opportunity.
- e) If a member of staff is not present at the start of a lesson, then after an interval of ten minutes, a member of the class should report to reception and await instructions. Pupils must wait quietly.
- f) If a pupil is unwell in lesson time, they should seek the permission of the teacher to report to the School Boarders' Clinic (if a boarder) or the School Reception (if a day pupil); pupils must not return to Houses. Boarding pupils attending the Boarders' Clinic at break times should report promptly at the start of break.
- g) When Sixth Form pupils have study lessons, they should work either in the Library or in their Houses as directed. While they are also allowed to use Café 1553 or to work with peers in other Houses (with staff permission), they should not wander around the campus during these periods.

2. DETENTIONS

Sanctions for various breaches of the Senior School Code of Conduct are detailed in the Sanctions Procedure. However, for clarity with regard to detentions, note that all Detentions take priority over all other engagements.

3. REGISTRATION

- a) Pupils must attend all Registrations and Roll Calls scheduled during the day and evening.
- b) No day pupil may leave School during the working day without the permission of their Houseparent.
- c) Even with permission, every pupil leaving or arriving at the School during the working day must sign out or in at Reception.

4. RELATIONSHIPS

- a) Equal Opportunities
All pupils are expected to respect one another, irrespective of age, race, religion, culture, sex, gender, sexual orientation, special educational needs or disabilities.
- b) Personal Relationships
As a coeducational establishment, the School values and supports friendships between the sexes. However, no intimate or inappropriate physical contact between or within the sexes is permitted (colloquially known as "The Six Inch Rule").
Any incident of sexual contact is liable to see a pupil excluded from the School.
It is important that visiting pupils are aware of the rules relating to access within a particular House. Pupils should only visit the communal areas of any other House.
Pupils are not allowed to visit members of the opposite sex in bedrooms or studies.
- c) Bullying
The School expects all pupils to support, respect and value each other and thereby allow each individual to flourish. Bullying or intimidation of another pupil, whether verbal, physical, racial, sexual, cyber or against a disability is strictly forbidden, regardless of motive or medium. All members of the School are expected to abide by the School's Anti-Bullying Policy.
- d) Conduct and Decorum
The School expects all pupils to conduct themselves with decorum and with respect for others within buildings and around the grounds. Sporting facilities provide ample outlet for physical exertion and loud or overly physical/boisterous behaviour is not acceptable elsewhere.

5. HEALTH AND SAFETY

- a) Drugs
It is strictly forbidden for pupils to sell, buy, be in possession of, consume or be party to any involvement in drugs, solvents or any material designed to affect mental faculties adversely. The School reserves the right to test any pupil who is suspected to be under the influence of any such substance. Since November 2023, UK law has also made the possession of nitrous oxide illegal if it is, or is likely to be, wrongfully inhaled. Any incident involving drugs is liable to see a pupil excluded from the School.
- b) Alcohol
Pupils may not consume or be in possession of alcohol except by the permission and direction of the School. Fifth Form pupils and below are forbidden to consume alcohol. Any incident involving alcohol is likely to result in a major sanction.
- c) Smoking
The whole of the School Campus is non-smoking. Smoking is forbidden, and this includes vaping. Pupils may not be in possession of cigarettes, tobacco, matches, lighters or any vaping items. Any incident involving smoking or vaping – and this includes any pupils choosing to be present when another pupil is smoking/vaping – is likely to result in a major sanction. Should any pupil be found to be in possession of vaping materials containing THC, which is illegal in the UK, the matter will be treated as an incident involving drugs.

at the top of Kyteless and Chapel steps (immediately before Chapel).
Bags/briefcases/rucksacks are to be placed upright and in orderly fashion so as not to inconvenience passers-by; they should not block pathways.
Pupils are reminded not to leave bags/briefcases/rucksacks in the grounds overnight as their safety cannot be guaranteed.

- o) Lawns
In order to protect the School greens and l

- a) Day pupils may only remain on the School campus after the end of the School day (5.50pm on weekdays, 4.00pm on Saturday) or visit the campus on Sunday if they have the permission of their Houseparent or are attending an official School activity.
- b) Pupils may leave the campus during the School day during official Down Town times. Details of these times are published in Houses. At other times, pupils should first obtain a written leave slip from their Houseparent which they can show as they sign out at Reception. Upper Sixth pupils may visit the town during any period free of commitments, but only after morning break, having signed out with their Houseparent's permission.

b)

DRESS CODE SUMMARY FOR GIRLS IN FOURTH AND FIFTH FORM (YEARS 9, 10 AND 11)

BLAZER:	School regulation navy blue
SKIRT*:	School regulation skirt, to be worn mid-calf, unaltered, and as sold by the uniform supplier
TROUSERS*:	School regulation tartan trousers, to sit on the back of the shoe
SHIRT:	Winter – School white shirt, fully tucked in, top button done up with tie Summer – School white blouse, fully tucked in
TIE:	School or House tie
PULLOVER:	School-crested regulation navy blue V-neck pullover
TIGHTS:	Un-patterned natural or navy blue (not black) tights or knee length navy socks
SHOES:	White bl/F1 9.o(nav)-8(y)5(-)2(s)-5(ock)-6(s) o2(s) 1 16 reWp20t35.32

DRESS CODE SUMMARY FOR BOYS IN FOURTH AND FIFTH FORM (YEARS 9, 10 & 11)

BLAZER:	School regulation - navy blue
TROUSERS:	School regulation - charcoal grey
SHIRT:	Winter – School long-sleeved white shirt Summer – School short-sleeved white shirt, tucked in, top button always done up with tie
TIE:	School or House tie
PULLOVER:	School-crested regulation navy blue V-neck pullover
SHOES:	Smart plain black leather lace-up shoes (no patent, suede or material) Boot or trainer styles are not acceptable
SOCKS:	Dark grey
OVERCOAT:	School regulation overcoat, worn with the School blazer
ACCESSORIES:	School rucksack/laptop bag or plain black bag (no large logos) School maroon umbrella School scarf
HAIR:	Natural colour – no extremes of colour, cut or style. Hair should be neat, covering neither the collar nor eyes, no part of the hairstyle to be very closely cropped or shaved Clean shaven
JEWELLERY:	A watch
SPORTS KIT:	Only School sports kit to be worn on campus

