



STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT 2017

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Students in the Richard Taunton Learning Community are expected to:

- Work hard, attend all lessons and tutorials, and be on time
- Behave responsibly and considerately, towards each other, towards college staff and visitors, and towards our neighbours in the local community
- Obey the law
- Follow policies designed to protect the college community - e.g. zero tolerance on alcohol, drugs, discrimination and bullying
- Have due regard to their own and other people's health and safety
- Respect the environment, including college property and resources

What this means in practice:

Positive Attitudes to Study

Make the most of your learning opportunity, know what's required and be ready for lessons:

- Switch off your mobile phone before lessons
- Come to lessons on time and with everything you need to learn (e.g. books, pens, notes, etc.)
- Be attentive in lessons and work hard at tasks
- Follow instructions and take advice seriously
- Take an active part in class and group activities and answer questions when asked
- Do homework and research ready for deadlines
- Expect to remain in the classroom for the whole lesson
- Explain any absences and arrange to catch up on missed work
- Use the Library/Independent Learning Centre when not in lessons
- Contribute your views to 'learner voice surveys'

Positive Attitudes to Yourself and Others

Treat other people as you'd like others to treat you:

- Be considerate and polite – to other students as well as staff, visitors and neighbours
- Behave appropriately, with consideration for others
- Be tolerant and respectful of other peoples' ideas and beliefs and use language that does not cause offence
- Return borrowed equipment on time and in good condition

Recognise that other people have different values and concerns:

- Respond positively to instructions from any staff
- Be sensitive about how your behaviour or dress code might affect other people.

Look after yourself:

- Wear your ID card visibly at all times
- Follow the expectations of college policies designed to protect you
- Eat healthily – including breakfast – but not in class
- Develop a sustainable lifestyle ensuring the right balance between study, paid employment and socialising.

Look after the environment you work and relax in:

- Leave areas as you would expect to find them i.e. clean, tidy, no litter, graffiti or any other damage.
- Avoid unnecessary waste: adopt sustainable practices (e.g. recycle litter; print and photocopy sparingly).
- Only smoke in the designated smoking area, and only during break and lunchtime.

I confirm that I have read and understood the Student Code of Conduct and agree to act in accordance with the expectations expressed herein. I understand that breaching this code may result in action being taken under the College Behaviour Management Policy.

Signature: _____ **Print Name:** _____

Date: _____ **Tutor group** _____

Deputy Principal, September 2016

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