

DCGS Sixth Form Conduct

Behaviour

Our approach is to assume that all sixth form students will demonstrate maturity and responsibility as they become role models for all other students in the school. It is imperative that their behaviour is exemplary at all times to demonstrate the expectations of being a sixth form student. Respect for others, their study time and property is an integral part of sixth form success and so should be shown at every opportunity. Taking responsibility for oneself and the school's environment is also an expectation of our sixth form students in order for them to flourish in a respectful, peaceful and well-kept environment.

Sixth form students should expect sanctions to be implemented if they fail to meet the standards set and these will escalate in line with the whole school RESpect policy.

Therefore, repeated poor behaviour will be escalated through the following channels:

1. A verbal warning and/or behaviour point
2. Head of department detention
3. Head of Sixth Form detention after school
4. A meeting with parents led by the Head of Sixth Form which may result in a student being placed on report
5. A meeting with the Head of School

Private study

Time spent in school is precious and should be seen as an opportunity by students to contribute to the success of the IB study programme. Consequently, students have allocated study periods on their timetables which are to be used to continue with their studies in an effective manner. Rooms are allocated within the school for this purpose and in some instances involve silent study which must be adhered to at all times. Students will not be allowed to leave the school site during study periods.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not allowed in lessons or during transition times (transition time is the time between period 1 and 2, 3 and 4 and on the way to assembly) without the express permission of the lesson teacher. If phones are seen or heard during these times then they will be confiscated. Mobile phones must be kept on silent, in bags.

Students are not allowed to listen to music in lessons or during transition time, if they are seen doing so then their mobile phone and earphones/pods will be confiscated.

Music can be listened to in study periods and used for research purposes but nothing else. If they are being misused, they will be confiscated.

Students who refuse to hand over mobile phones will be collected by SLT and parents/guardians will be contacted. Students can collect their phone at the end of the school day.

Homework

The expectation within the Sixth Form is that homework amounts to 12 hours of study per week, including time spent working during private study periods. This amount will increase over time as additional demands are placed on students and exams begin. We have found that students who achieve the best grades usually spend more than 20 hours a week of private study time in Year 13.

Outside of school

As representatives of Dane Court Sixth Form, the above expectations are held by us when students are coming to and from school gates, including on public transport.

Hygiene & Safety

It is imperative that current government guidelines regarding personal hygiene are adhered to at all times. This includes washing your hands regularly, using hand sanitiser where necessary and maintaining social distance to others. Additionally, while regulations remain in place within school, contact with other students who are not part of the Sixth Form 'bubble' is not permitted.