

HANLEY CASTLE HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT (Y7-11) – SCHOOL COMMITMENT

At Hanley Castle High School we have high aspirations and expectations for all our students and are determined to establish a trusted partnership with parents and carers to support active involvement in their child's learning and development. As a school, we make the following commitments:

Behaviour and safety

We will:

- Provide a safe, orderly, and secure learning environment for all students.
- Create the conditions that encourage positive relationships, built upon respect and integrity, to develop at all levels within the school community.
- Protect students from the impact of poor behaviour by insisting on high standards and holding individuals to account when these are not met.
- Reward students for their endeavours and provide opportunities to contribute to the school leadership and wider community.

Learning and development

We will:

- Provide access to a challenging, broad, and balanced curriculum that prepares students for further study and life beyond school.
- Set appropriate homework regularly and use it to extend learning opportunities for students.
- Work to meet the needs of all students in the school in a fair and consistent way, making reasonable adjustments when we need to.
- Offer opportunities to enhance students' development as socially and cultural aware, well-rounded members of the community through tutor time, our personal development curriculum, assemblies, visits, and our extracurricular provision.

Communication

We will:

- Keep parents and carers informed about their child's progress and general school matters through emails, Epraise, termly newsletters, Parents' Evenings, and progress reports.
- Make sure that parents and carers can communicate with school via the Pastoral Team by phone or email, and will reply to all communication as soon as possible, usually within 2-3 working days.
- Liaise with parents and carers as soon as possible if concerns emerge regarding a child's wellbeing.

Our approach

- We use findings from robust educational research to inform our approaches in school, and we will constantly strive to become better educators by reflecting on our own practices.

Signature



Mr M Stow - Headteacher (for and on behalf of the school)

HANLEY CASTLE HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT (Y7-11) – FAMILY COMMITMENT

As a parent/carer, I understand that for my child to realise their academic potential and to experience personal success, there must be a strong partnership between Hanley Castle High School and the home. As part of this partnership and my child attending Hanley Castle, I understand that Hanley Castle High School has high expectations for every child in terms of academic effort and conduct and I agree to engage positively with the school policies and procedures to support my child by making the following commitments:

Behaviour and safety

I will:

- Accept and support the school systems (including consequences such as detentions) used to hold students to account in the event of poor behaviour and choices.
- Ensure that my child arrives to school on time every day (except in cases of illness or other legitimate reason).
- Ensure that my child wears the full school uniform every day or allow them to wear replacement uniform provided by the school.

I understand that:

- Mobile phone use is not permitted during the school day. Devices will be confiscated in line with the school policy.*
- Jewellery and clothing items not in line with the school's uniform expectations will be confiscated.
- The school takes no responsibility for the damage, loss, or theft of any personal items, including personal electronic devices such as mobile phones and headphones.
- The school will encourage my child to have a healthy lifestyle. I will give my child healthy food and drinks to take to school and I support the decision made by the school to confiscate caffeinated or fizzy drinks if they are found on site.

Learning and development

I will:

- Actively support my child so that they can successfully complete their homework and recognise their responsibility to submit the tasks on time.
- Ensure that my child brings appropriate equipment to school every day including at least 2 pens, a pencil, a ruler, a reading book, a calculator, and the exercise books required for the day.

Communication

I will:

- Notify the school by 9am if my child is absent. If an absence lasts for more than one day, I will notify the school on each day of absence and provide medical evidence if requested.
- Make the school aware of any concerns or problems that might affect my child's learning, behaviour, or well-being, including changes in personal circumstance.
- Always communicate with the school in a timely and polite manner.
- Engage with school communication methods to understand and support my child's education by reading all progress reports carefully, attending Parents' Evening (virtually or 'in person'), and regularly checking my child's progress, conduct, and homework tasks using Epraise.
- Stay informed with updates from the school community by reading termly newsletters, the school website, and emails.

** Students are allowed to use phones as they leave/enter the site for electronic bus tickets.*