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...Inspiring Learners For Their Future

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HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Dear Parents / Guardians,

It has been a delight to welcome back our students this term, they have made a fantastic start to their new academic years. We particularly welcome our new year 7s, as well as our new year 12s. They have settled into the Ridgeway community and I wish them the best on their journey here. I would also like to welcome our new staff - Miss Bidder (MFL), Miss Butler (Geography), Mr Goodwin (English), Mrs Possamai (Technology), Mrs Batten (Art Technician), Mr Gadd (ASC LSA) and Miss Gonsalves (Science Technician). We also welcome back Mr Hill (Vice Principal), after a secondment to another WHF school, and Mr Carney (Maths) and Mrs Banwell (Maths) who have returned to Ridgeway after working at other secondary schools.

As we embark on another academic year, I wanted to take a moment to share with you our Home School Agreement, which outlines our shared responsibilities in providing the best educational experience for your child.

At The Ridgeway School & Sixth Form College, we believe in fostering a strong partnership between the school, students and parents. The agreement is designed to ensure that we are all on the same page and working collaboratively towards the success and well-being of every student.

We believe that this agreement serves as a strong foundation for the success of your child, and we are confident that with your support, we can create a productive and enriching learning experience for them. Whilst this is not a legal document, in signing it you are showing your willingness as a family, to work with the school in achieving the very best outcomes for your child.

This letter and the following pages make up the agreement, which you and your child are encouraged to sign and return to your child's mentor by Tuesday 19th September. Your child will be awarded 10 Merits when they return the signed agreement.

Our staff are here to support you every step of the way; please do contact your child's tutor if you have any questions regarding the home school agreement. A hard copy of the agreement will be issued to your child to bring home.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

A Cush
Principal

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Home - School Agreement



As a student, I will:

1. **Try my hardest** in everything that I do and always have high expectations of myself.
2. **Aim to attend school every day.** This shows that I value my schooling and that I do not want to miss out on any learning.
3. **Organise myself**, so that I arrive at school **on-time**, in **full uniform** and with the **correct equipment.** This gives me the best start to every day.
4. **Wear my uniform correctly** both inside the building and on my journey to and from the school. This shows that I want to look smart and that I am proud to represent my school.
5. **Complete my homework on time** and to the best of my ability. This will boost my academic progress and shows my teachers that I care about my studies.
6. **Demonstrate exemplary conduct** at all times. I will follow the school rules and be the best version of myself.
7. **Be polite and helpful** to others. I will demonstrate good manners and be considerate to others as I move around the building.
8. **Be kind to others** and help to **keep everybody safe.** I will report any incidents of bullying. I will tell a member of staff about anything that might risk the safety of myself or others.
9. **Be responsible for my actions**, tell the truth at all times and learn from my mistakes. If I get things wrong, I will apologise, seek to make amends and complete any sanctions that I am given.
10. I will not use my mobile phone on the school site.
11. Get involved in **co-curricular activities** and experiences. I want to make the most of my time at school.
12. Use the **internet and social media responsibly.** I want to be kind to others and do not want to spread gossip.
13. **Uphold our Community Code of Conduct.** Many of my fellow students and their families live in the local area, so I act considerately in the community, on transport, in local shops and recreational facilities.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

As a parent/carer, to support my child and the school, I will:

1. Ensure that my child **attends school every day.** I will arrange appointments in the holidays or after school hours wherever possible. I will not take holidays during term time. I will contact the attendance officer on the morning of any unplanned absence.
2. **Establish consistent morning routines.** I will ensure that my child arrives at school each day **on-time**, dressed in **full school uniform** and with the **correct equipment.**
3. **Take an active interest in my child's education.** I will ask my child questions about what they are learning, regularly look at exercise books and homework tasks, and support with improvements suggested by teachers.
4. **Promote effective home study.** I will provide a quiet, well-lit space in which my child can study and complete homework. I will review my child's homework before it is submitted and ensure that it is completed on time.
5. Ensure that my child reads regularly at home during the week to further support vocabulary development.
6. **Establish evening routines** that are conducive to effective learning the next day. I will limit screentime before bedtime and ensure a reasonable bedtime.
7. **Support the school's behaviour policy**, including the procedures relating to detentions and the confiscation of banned items.
8. **Raise any concerns or complaints** directly with the school in a measured and professional manner.
9. **Not engage in any malicious communications on social media** that could upset or cause offence to any members of staff, students, parents and carers or any member of the school community.
10. Follow the school's advice on **safeguarding actions** that I can take as a parent/carer to help keep my child safe.
11. **Maintain open communication with the school.** I will ensure that the school has at least two emergency contact numbers. I will make the school aware of anything that might affect my child's education, behaviour or safety. I will review regularly the contents of my child's planner/satchel/book bag. I will attend parents' evenings and any other meetings as appropriate.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

As a school, we will:

1. Provide a **safe, calm and orderly environment** where each child can be happy and successful.
2. Ensure that each child achieves their **full potential** as a **valued member** of the school community.
3. Provide an **ambitious, broad and balanced curriculum**, and **excellent teaching** in every subject.
4. Provide a **high-quality personal development programme** and a wide range of clubs and activities that enable students to broaden their horizons, pursue their interests and learn about higher education and the world of work.
5. **Communicate regularly** with parents about their child's academic progress, achievements and any concerns.
6. **Be open and welcoming** to parents and offer opportunities for them to become involved in the life of the school.
7. **Work in partnership with external agencies** and share relevant information with them to support children and keep them safe.

Signed: _____

Date: _____