



BEHAVIOUR POLICY – YEARS 7 TO 13

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1. AIMS OF THIS POLICY

- To provide a caring and supportive environment in which pupils are able to distinguish right from wrong
- To develop a positive climate, based on care, courtesy and consideration for others
- To provide an atmosphere in which pupils can learn well and teachers can teach effectively
- To promote good relationships throughout the school, both between adults and pupils and between pupils
- To develop respect for school and personal property
- To encourage pupils to use their initiative and accept responsibility for their behaviour and progress
- To show pupils that their work and good behaviour is valued, and to help maintain high expectations
- To ensure a consistent approach to rewards and sanctions so that pupils feel that the systems are fair

The other policies mentioned in this document and the College Code of Conduct can be viewed on the policies page of the College's website (www.dulwich.org.uk/about/policies/policies).

This Policy has been prepared in compliance with and is consistent with relevant sector statutory and non-statutory guidance including:

- Paragraph 9 of Part 3 (Welfare, Health, and Safety of Pupils) of the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014;
- The Independent School Standards: Guidance for independent schools (April 2019);
- Standard 15 (Promoting Positive Behaviour) in the National Minimum Standards for Boarding Schools (2022); and
- Behaviour in Schools: Advice for headteachers and school staff (DfE: September 2022)

The College will implement this Policy in accordance with its obligations under the Equality Act 2010 acknowledging that it is unlawful for the College to discriminate against a pupil or prospective pupil by treating them less favourably because of their age, sex, race including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, disability, religion, or belief, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, pregnancy or maternity.

2. THE COLLEGE CODE OF CONDUCT

The College is a large community. We wish all its members (pupils, teachers and operational staff alike) to derive the greatest possible benefit from being here. Our Code of Conduct is designed to promote harmony and the efficient and safe functioning of the community. This pupil Behaviour Policy, as well as those of DUCKS and Junior School, derives from our Code of Conduct. We are all expected to:

- be helpful, tolerant and respectful towards everyone in the Dulwich community
- behave with courtesy and in a manner which reflects well on us and on the College
- avoid behaviour or comments which could lead to any distress
- make sure that our appearance does credit to us and the College
- be punctual
- respect both the property and environment of the College
- show consistency and common sense in observing the particular rules

3. COLLEGE RULES FOR PUPILS

All pupils are expected to obey the College Code of Conduct, specific rules, and adhere to this Behaviour Policy, ICT Acceptable Use Policy (Pupils), Anti-bullying Policy (Years 7 to 13) and Health and Safety rules, which can be found on the College's website, in the calendar and displayed on Form Room notice boards.

3.1 Respect for others

Physical violence of any type is a serious matter and will not be tolerated. If you witness any confrontation, report it to a member of staff.

Any form of bullying (whether or in person or indirectly, e.g. via social media) is unacceptable. Bullying can cause serious psychological damage and even suicide.

Taunting and verbal or physical abuse, and other forms of victimisation, whether inside or outside the classroom, are totally against our ethos.

Remarks deemed to be sexist, racist, homophobic or transphobic or offensive about culture, religion, gender, special educational needs, transgender or disability will not be tolerated.

Pupils should always inform a member of staff if they feel they are being bullied or if they see or hear about anyone else being mistreated.

Persistent bullying may well lead the College to exclude the offender.

The full text of our Anti-Bullying Policy, including sanctions for bullying, is available on the College website.

3.2 Health and safety

Pupils must exercise common sense when engaged in any hazardous activity and observe the particular rules which apply to laboratories, workshops, sports facilities, the theatre and other specialist teaching rooms and areas.

3.3 Respect for property

Any deliberate damage to, or defacement of, College property, whether accidental or through carelessness, is unacceptable and should be reported without delay to your Form Tutor or to the teacher in charge of the specialist area concerned. A charge may be made for any damage which is deemed to be your fault.

Borrowing without permission is unacceptable and could be regarded as the far more serious offence of theft.

3.4 Care of personal property

The College can accept no responsibility for your personal property and you and your parents are advised to insure valuable items.

Do not leave bags containing books, sports kit and valuables in exposed places around the College. You are advised to use the locker facilities available around the College.

All personal property should be marked clearly with your name.

If valuable items such as mobile phones, and laptops cameras or other similar electronic items are brought to the College they must remain switched off and kept safe during the working school day.

Personal electronic devices brought onto College premises by Upper School pupils should only be used in the Common Rooms, and should be kept by the pupil or locked in a safe place at all times.

Report any loss or theft as soon as possible to your Form Tutor and the appropriate School Office.

On no account should pupils leave phones or other valuables unattended particularly in changing rooms.

Always search for anything you lose. If you have lost your bag, please first check the lost bag container, located at the rear of the DT department facing the field. This container is staffed and open between 08:00 and 08:30 and 13:15 to 13:45 on weekdays. Bags left in the container for more than one week will be moved to the Commissariat for identification and processing. Smaller items and loose clothing go direct to the Commissariat. 'Lost and Found' is also available on the "My Dulwich" site.

If you see visitors behaving suspiciously within the College grounds or buildings, report them without delay to a member of staff.

3.5 Summary of ICT Acceptable Use Policy (Pupils)

All pupils have access to the College computer network, enabling them to use standard applications as well as online facilities such as the Internet and electronic mail.

Every pupil is issued with a username, password and an e-mail address at the start of their College career. Pupils are encouraged to make use of ICT facilities in support of their studies.

To ensure that ICT usage is safe, responsible and conforms to the Behaviour Policy the following guidelines apply. Users of the College network are prohibited from:

- logging on to the network with, and/or using, another user's account
- using the College network to send or post offensive or harassing material or material which brings the College or any of its members into disrepute or causing distress to another member of the College community
- tampering physically with equipment, or altering the settings of the computers, or making other changes which interfere with the safe and effective functioning of the equipment or network, or render them unusable by others
- installing software without authorisation
- hacking into unauthorised areas of any network or the security settings on any College equipment
- accessing inappropriate or offensive web sites
- trying to circumvent the College filtering system
- attempting to spread viruses via the network
- using College computers for any form of illegal activity (including software, music and video piracy)
- using AI in the production of any College work without express permission from a member of staff.

The *full ICT Acceptable Use Policy (Pupils)* is available on the College website.

3.6 Attendance

Prior permission from your Head of School is required for any anticipated absence.

If a Lower School pupil is away from school because of illness or injury, a parent or guardian should contact the Lower School Office by telephone or email as soon as possible on the first day of absence, explaining the reason.

If a Middle or Upper School pupil is away from school because of illness or injury, a parent or guardian should complete the Online Absence Reporting Form on each day of absence.

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=BHB_DPEnhE2_REEspHGgrS3fDLQ0AjREo_Z4JHyh5SRUQUdIMFgwVFgxSTISMEZQRFpNQkZKRjBZWCQIQCN0PWcu. A link to this form can be found on the Parents area of the College website.

If you are injured or taken ill during school hours, go to the Medical Centre. Do not go home before the end of the school day without the permission of the Medical Centre. The Medical Centre will inform the relevant School Office and the Attendance Office.

During normal school hours pupils should not leave College premises.

All Upper School pupils are allowed to leave the school grounds during the lunch break (1:15pm). (Please remember that we enjoy good relations with the local community and that pupils in the Upper School have a particular responsibility for ensuring that these are maintained). No Upper School pupils should be out of College at first break; if necessary, permission can be sought from a member of the Upper School team.

If they do not have afternoon lessons, they are permitted to go home from 1:15pm (and should inform the Attendance Officer if they decide to remain on the premises).

If pupils have a reason to leave the College grounds at other times, they should gain permission from the Head of School and visit the Attendance Office to sign out. During normal school hours boarders and day pupils are governed by the same rules regarding bounds. Boarding Housemasters issue separate instructions for boarders regarding bounds outside normal school hours.

3.7 College uniform

Unless special permission has been granted you must wear the correct uniform on the College premises, when attending College functions or when representing the College. The uniform consists of:

Approved uniform consists of:

- DC black blazer
- grey charcoal trousers
- black, navy or dark grey suit (US only)
- black V-neck jumper
- DC tie
- white shirt
- black leather shoes (no trainers or sports branded shoes)

- dark overcoat

Incorrect Uniform:

- If any item of the approved uniform is missing e.g. blazer or replaced with a different version, the uniform is incorrect.
- No sports clothes should be worn outside of Games, training and fixtures.

Personal Presentation:

- The correct uniform must be worn in the correct way e.g. shirts should be tucked in and ties done up to the collar.
- No jewellery (unless permission has been granted by the Head of Year).
- Hair neatly tied back.

3.8 Food and drink

Pupils in the Junior and Lower Schools are expected to eat school lunch.

Pupils in the Middle and Upper Schools can obtain lunch on production of a swipe card or a lunch ticket. Only eat and drink in a designated area and not in any classroom or while walking around the College.

3.9 Games and playing fields

Any pupil selected to represent the College in a sporting event is expected to do so unless medical or other reasons make this impossible. Parents/guardians are requested to give prior notice in writing in these circumstances.

Wear the appropriate games kit for all sporting activities and ensure you change into full school uniform for the journey home.

Only play informal games on designated areas.

Skateboards and scooters may not be used on College premises.

At 2:30 p.m. pupils must move off fields to prepare for afternoon school.

3.10 Transport

If you cycle to or from the College, you are strongly advised to wear a cycling helmet and a reflective outer garment, even when cycling within College grounds. You may not cycle for recreational purposes within College grounds.

The College Code of Conduct and the College Rules also apply to the behaviour expected on all journeys on the Foundation Coach Service.

4. REWARDS

4.1 Aims

Through constructive feedback and praise, whether formal or informal, public or private, verbal or written and daily interaction with pupils around the College and in activities beyond it, staff encourage good pupil behaviour in lessons, assemblies, House and co-curricular activities and reinforce the Code of Conduct explicitly and, implicitly, through their own behaviour.

Pupils are encouraged to promote good behaviour through, for example, their Tutor groups, assemblies, prefect duties, Wellbeing, pupil mentoring, service, and charity events.

In addition, the College seeks to promote good behaviour through formal rewards.

4.2 Rewards in Lower, Middle and Upper Schools

(For rewards in Junior School please see Junior School Behaviour Policy)

TYPES OF REWARD	Lower	Middle	Upper
Charity, departmental and co-curricular A tie or badge may be awarded by the member of staff in charge of any activity in which a boy is deemed to have made a particularly significant contribution, such as charities, music, drama, sport, a society or for working in a College Library.	●	●	●
Form commendation. Boys can be awarded a commendation by a teacher for an outstanding piece of work or for showing good citizenship at College – helping another pupil, teacher or visitor for example. The reason for the award is recorded electronically and notification sent to the Form Tutor, Head of Year, Head of School, School Office and parents. A record of the commendations awarded is placed in the pupil’s file. Teachers may award a merit to mark conspicuous effort in a lesson.	●	●	●
Prizes are awarded termly by Form Tutors in the Lower and Middle Schools and, in the Middle School, annually for GCSE results and individual subjects.	●	●	
Assessment commendations: Every half term boys are assessed (unless there is a full written report). Boys are commended by the Master, by the Head of School or the Head of Year, depending on the number of 1s they gain for attainment and/or effort.	●	●	●

<p>Assemblies are used to highlight a range of individual and group achievements in the academic and co-curricular spheres. This also enables the Head of School to commend examples of leadership, or service to the local community, as well as conspicuous examples of contributions to life at the College and outside it.</p>	●	●	●
<p>Letters home. The Head of School writes to parents in cases of conspicuous leadership and achievements.</p>	●	●	●
<p>College Half and Full Colours These are awarded by the Master at the end-of-term assembly in recognition of sustained contribution to the co-curricular sphere in more than one area: all contributions are regarded as valuable, from community service, to drama, music, sport, and the Union. All staff who run activities nominate boys for Half and Full Colours and these are then considered by a committee of senior staff. Other than in occasional exceptional circumstances, boys are first awarded Half Colours before being considered for Full Colours. We would expect all Sixth Form leavers to have achieved at least Half Colours.</p>			●
<p>House Colours In the Upper and Middle Schools Housemasters award certificates to boys for a marked contribution to Day Houses, and this entitles them to purchase a House tie. Lower School boys receive a badge or certificate.</p>	●	●	●
<p>Dulwich Diploma All Sixth Form leavers aspire to achieve the Dulwich Diploma. The diploma recognises boys' achievements in three areas: academic (completion of an A-level programme and an extended research essay); beyond the classroom (College Half Colours and a commitment to service, broadly defined); and preparation for life after Dulwich (completion of careers education programme in Year 11 and UCAS training in the Remove).</p>			●
<p>The Extended essay, completed by all boys at the end of the Remove, is celebrated by prizes, publication of the best essays, and publication of every boy's title in a separate booklet. A selection of essays will also be placed in the College Archives.</p>			●
<p>Remove and Sixth Form prizes are awarded for conspicuous academic and co-curricular achievements. These are currently presented at a prize giving ceremony in September attended by both year groups.</p>			●

5. SANCTIONS

5.1 Lower, Middle and Upper Schools (For sanctions in Junior School see Junior School Behaviour Policy)

To avoid the necessity of imposing sanctions and to foster constructive work habits, boys in the Middle and Upper Schools who would benefit from additional support with the organisation of their work may be referred to after school Monitored Work Sessions where staff are available to provide guidance and encouragement in a structured environment. In the Lower School a Support Card is used.

Staff are encouraged to discuss this support system with the Form Tutors of such pupils. Detentions, however, may be used in response to evidence of unacceptable behaviour or poor work.

The evidence for this may be derived from the Daily Report system, a summary of which is sent to Parents (in the case of prep) and Year Heads at the end of each day.

Parents and Form Tutors will be informed of detentions by email.

Boys who are repeatedly late for registration in the morning with no good reason may be placed on Early Report to the relevant Head of Year (in the case of boys in the Lower and Middle Schools) or the Senior Deputy (in the case of boys in the Upper School).

For unsatisfactory behaviour or work a Lower, Middle or Upper School pupil may be required to attend a meeting with the relevant Head of Year where he will be encouraged to improve and warned of the potential consequences of recurrence of the behaviour.

TYPES OF DETENTION	Lower	Middle	Upper
Lunchtime (1:45-2:15) In the Lower School, for a minor offence. In the Middle School, for the following offences (each committed three times in a single week in any subject and recorded via the Daily Report): lateness for lessons; prep not submitted on time; incorrect uniform; incorrect equipment.	●	●	
Thursday (4:00 – 5:00) In the Lower School, for more serious incidents of poor behaviour inside the classroom or outside it. Following a meeting with the pupil the Head of Year will inform his parents of the date of the detention.	●		
Thursday (4:00 to 5:30) In the Upper School, for unacceptable behaviour such as repeated failure to hand in work, cutting games or unauthorised absence off-site. In the Middle School, for poor behaviour or for continuing failure to submit prep after 24 hours following parental notification by email via the Daily Report system, where there is no good reason. Parents are informed of the date of the detention.		●	●

<p>Heads of School Detentions (Saturday: 09:00 - 12:00 in Middle and Upper Schools; 09:30 – 11:30 in Lower School) for more serious breaches of the Code of Conduct. The Head of School will contact the parents and agree a date and time for the detention.</p>	●	●	●
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5.2 Sanctions for serious misconduct

Boys found guilty of serious misconduct may be liable to either fixed-term or permanent exclusion.

(A fixed-term suspension may also be referred to as “suspension”.)

When judging whether to exclude a pupil permanently or for a fixed-term, the College will take into account all the circumstances of the case (including the age of the pupil, the seriousness of the offence, its impact upon others; the pupil’s record at the College and any extenuating circumstances raised by the pupil in his defence).

The following is a non-exhaustive list of behaviour that the College regards as serious misconduct:

- violent or threatening behaviour
- indecent, offensive, abusive, bullying or harassing behaviour
- involvement with illegal drugs, psychoactive substances or associated items (which includes testing positive for illegal drugs) – see also the Drugs Policy
- possession of offensive weapons or any dangerous, poisonous, flammable or explosive items
- criminal or illegal behaviour
- misbehaviour that deliberately or recklessly causes pain or injury to another person
- serious or repeated breaches of the College Code of Conduct
- serious breach of any of the College’s rules, policies or procedures
- taking property belonging to another person (which may include the College) without consent
- deliberate or reckless damage to property
- cheating in an examination
- dishonesty with staff
- serious rudeness to a member of staff or other adult with whom the pupil has contact or dealings in the course of a College-related activity

- a serious or repeated refusal or failure without good cause to comply with a reasonable request or instruction given by a member of College staff
- breach of a behaviour contract signed by the pupil
- serious misuse of the College ICT facilities or equipment
- serious breach of the ICT Acceptable Use Policy (Pupils)

Furthermore, serious misconduct which affects the welfare of individual(s) within or outside the College community or which brings the College into disrepute (single or repeated episodes) on or off College premises may lead to the application of the procedures in this policy.

5.3 Pupil contracts

To support a pupil found guilty of serious misconduct, the pupil may be encouraged to sign a Pupil Contract setting out the required improvements in his behaviour and/or work. Breach of such a contract normally results in permanent exclusion. As part of this support he may also be encouraged to see the School Counsellor.

5.4 No inappropriate sanctions

The College does not use corporal punishment nor does it use unacceptable, excessive or idiosyncratic sanctions.

Physical restraint will only be used in the exceptional circumstances where it becomes necessary to restrain a pupil for their own protection or others' safety; this will be appropriately recorded and reported to the appropriate Head of School, the Deputy Master Pastoral & Co-Curricular, the Master and parents.

Any physical restraint used will comply with DFE and local authority guidance (see *the Use of Reasonable Force Policy* on the website for detailed guidance).

Disciplinary action may be taken against pupils who are found to have made malicious allegations against staff.

6. MONITORING, COMMUNICATION AND RECORDING

6.1 Monitoring

The behaviour of pupils is constantly monitored in order to identify patterns of behaviour and ultimately improve behaviour through new initiatives. Monitoring is carried out in the following ways:

- Individual notes made by Form Teachers. Form Teachers are, in the first instance, responsible for the pupils' pastoral care and are keen to establish a strong partnership with parents. This relationship is seen as essential in promoting maintaining good behaviour

- Discussion between teachers and Heads of Year or Heads of School
- Discussion between teachers at the weekly staff briefings
- Discussion between the Senior Deputy and Heads of Upper/Middle/Lower School at Heads of School meetings
- Informal conversations between teachers and the Senior Deputy
- Meetings between pupils and the College counsellor and parents and the College counsellor
- Identification of those pupils whose behaviour constitutes a 'cause for concern' and a record kept by the Head of School
- Reviews of pupils identified as 'cause for concern' by the Senior Deputy and relevant Head of Upper/Middle/Lower School at weekly meetings

6.2 Communication

CPOMS or email is used to communicate incidents or issues, which may affect the child's education and wellbeing (this could be academic, pastoral, health or social). Children are also mentioned during briefing to remind staff of current or new issues.

6.3 Recording

- All sanctions for serious misconduct are recorded electronically on CPOMS in order to help the College monitor behaviour and its response to misconduct.
- Incidents and communication concerning behaviour or pastoral welfare are logged electronically in CPOMS. Any safeguarding concerns are referred to a Designated Safeguarding Lead and recorded on CPOMS.
- Incidents of bullying are recorded on the appropriate pro-forma and all incidents of bullying are logged on CPOMS. Incidents of bullying are always followed up by the Senior Deputy. Incidents and allegations are recorded in the Bullying Log (see Anti-bullying policy).

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