



ACADEMY/HOME PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Sponsors' Statement

All The Bishop of Winchester Academy policies exist to support the Sponsors' vision, Christian ethos and values that are embedded in the day-to-day and long term running of the Academy. Each policy evidences the commitment of the Sponsors to the principles and values of honesty, respect, hospitality, compassion, love, forgiveness, self-discipline, creativity and hope. This policy contributes to the development of young people and the community through all Academy activities and in particular through the specialism of Enterprise and Innovation, and Maths.

Introduction

At The Bishop of Winchester Academy we wish to work in partnership with parents to support the progress and attainment of your children, our students. We aim to provide a quality experience that enables the whole child to develop into a confident young adult who realises their potential both personally and academically. To that end there are key areas for partnership.

Attendance

The Academy will

- ensure accurate records of attendance and punctuality are kept and reported to parents
- contact parents on the first day of absence
- work with students who have attendance and/or punctuality problems.

The parents will

- ensure students attend regularly and liaise with the appropriate Academy staff should there be any concerns
- telephone the dedicated attendance line on the first day of an absence
- provide in writing confirmation of the reasons for absence.

The student will

- attend regularly and be punctual
- aim for 100% attendance
- raise any concerns that might affect attendance by speaking to staff.

Uniform

The Academy will

- carry out regular uniform checks and inform parents of any concerns
- employ a variety of sanctions should things not change
- in cases of financial hardship the Academy will support and offer guidance
- students who refuse to wear the Academy uniform will be sent home until they comply with the Uniform Statement

The parents will

- ensure that the standards of the Academy with regard to dress and jewellery are observed
- contact the tutor or Head of House if problems occur with one or more aspects of uniform

The student will

- adhere to the standard of uniform set by the Academy
- accept sanctions employed by the Academy when employed
- check with the Mentor and Head of House when in any doubt about what is acceptable

Bullying

The Academy will

- respond to any information provided by parents within 24 hours
- deal with the issues raised until the situation is resolved
- provide support for those being bullied and those doing it
- where necessary punish those who have bullied others

The parents will

- inform the appropriate member of staff of any incidents of bullying
- encourage their children to talk to a teacher at Academy if a problem arises
- accept that many of the normal interactions between adolescents are **not** bullying

The students will

- talk to members of staff should a problem occur
- agree a course of action with their tutor or head of year
- accept that many of the interactions between adolescents are **not** incidents of bullying although unacceptable

Home Academy Communication

The Academy will

- communicate regularly with parents about Academy events (newsletter), progress and attainment (annual reports/interim assessments/student specific letters)
- return calls from parents within 24 hours
- meet with parents at times other than calendared meetings if necessary

The parents will

- respond to Academy communications where necessary
- meet with staff when appropriate
- inform the Academy should any personal details alter (i.e phone number)

The student will

- keep parents informed of Academy events
- deliver letters and information when appropriate
- deliver letters etc from parents to staff when required

Homework/Coursework

The Academy will

- set and mark relevant, regular and challenging homework
- publish homework as booklets and on the Academy website

The parent will

- take an interest in their child's education by encouraging them to complete their homework and provide other opportunities for learning
- Support the work of the Academy by ensuring homework and coursework are completed
- Contact the appropriate staff should problems arise

The student will

- Record in their planner and complete on time all homework/coursework set
- Catch up on any work missed
- Seek the help of staff should homework/coursework be unclear
- Complete work to the best of their ability and meet all deadlines set

Attitude/Behaviour

Good behaviour promotes self-discipline and respect.

The Academy will

- Value and respect each family
- set high standards and expectations for all in the Academy communities
- have a clearly stated, published behaviour policy (website) promoting good positive attitudes towards behaviour and record and reward good performance and progress
- search any student where it is believed they are in possession of any items that could be considered to be illegal, harmful or dangerous, or could disrupt learning.
- Confiscate, retain or dispose of a student's property if it is disrupting learning or being used inappropriately in line with the behaviour policy
- employ Academy sanctions where necessary including detention inside and outside of school hours

The parent will

- support the Academy in its efforts to set and maintain high standards and expectations in line with the behaviour policy.
- Be respectful to all Academy staff and encourage their child to do likewise.
- Encourage their child to have a positive attitude to the Academy and follow the Academy policies.

The student will

- Have pride in the Academy and set a good example and promote positive attitudes and behaviour both inside and outside of the Academy community.
- Take responsibility for their own actions
- Have the responsibility to act appropriately in the Academy keeping others safe and not bring anything that could be considered to be illegal, harmful or dangerous onto the Academy site
- Follow the school's code of behaviour and classroom and corridor expectations.

Teaching & Learning

The Academy will

- Provide a broad and balanced curriculum with high quality teaching and a variety of enrichment activities
- Meet the learning needs of each individual and give them a desire to learn at the Academy and beyond

The parent will

- Ensure their child is properly prepared each day to take part in the life of the Academy
- Ensure their child has all the necessary equipment and kit they need
- Keep the Academy informed about any problems which might affect their child's learning.

The student will

- Work to the best of their ability at all times
- Come to the Academy with all the equipment they need
- Adopt a positive attitude towards, and participate fully in, the life of the Academy
- Keep their planner up-to-date and make sure that books are properly used and looked after.

Signed:

On behalf of the Academy _____

Parent/Guardian/Carer _____

Student _____

Date _____