

The Weald Sixth Form Behaviour Policy

Appendices (updated July 2018)

Attendance - to be successful in their studies students must be committed to attending school regularly and maintaining an excellent standard of punctuality. If students are not able to be in college for any reason there must be communication with the college. If the college is concerned about a student's attendance and/or punctuality we will contact parents to address this. If students do not show a willingness to improve their attendance then sanctions will be imposed.

Dress code - there is not a specific uniform for Sixth Form students. However, when students come to college they are entering a professional place of work and their appearance must reflect this. What students wear must be appropriate for the environment. Students should not wear clothes that have provocative or offensive logos and what they wear must ensure decency at all times. Specifically, it is not appropriate to wear flip flops in schools for health and safety reasons. In addition 'crop tops' and very revealing tops are not suitable for a professional place of work. In warm weather students may choose to wear shorts but these must be of suitable length. If the Sixth Form team do not feel that a student's attire is appropriate for a school environment we reserve the right to send them home to change. In their choice of dress Sixth Form students should remember that they are role models to younger students in school.

ICT acceptable use - the use of ICT is now a central part of every student's education and will be vital in their future careers. It is therefore essential that all students make proper use of ICT in all aspects of their college work. We will not tolerate students using ICT inappropriately or in a way that causes distress to others. Any student who plagiarises work is at risk of being disqualified from their course. We will take serious action against any students who access inappropriate material on the internet. The college will also not tolerate students using social media to embarrass, humiliate or intimidate other members of the community.

Bullying - all members of the community have the right to come to college each day without fear of intimidation. The college will take quick and decisive action to tackle bullying of any sort. Bullying can take many different forms. It is behaviour that makes others feel uncomfortable, unwelcome and intimidated and we will not tolerate any actions that make any members of the community feel bullied.

Substance misuse - the college takes a zero tolerance approach to substance misuse. Any student involved in any form of substance misuse puts their place in the college in jeopardy. Students found to be under the influence of illicit substances or in possession of them is likely to have their place at the college withdrawn with immediate effect.

Smoking - we strongly discourage all Sixth Form students from smoking. Any students who decide to smoke must respect the school as a strictly non-smoking site. Students must not leave the college site to smoke during lesson or study time. If students leave the site to smoke during their break time they must go well away

from the school site where they cannot be seen by younger students. Students should remember that during the school day they represent the school and they should be considerate to local residents and members of the public, for example in ensuring that they do not leave litter.

Behaviour and conduct in school - as the oldest students in the school Sixth Form students are role models to younger students and they should be mindful of this at all times. The way Sixth Form students conduct themselves around the school will set an example to other students. It is particularly important that when Sixth Form students are using shared spaces, such as the LRC, canteen, playgrounds and corridors, they are aware of the example that they set. Any student who sets an inappropriate example will be sanctioned appropriately.

Behaviour outside the college - if students take part in school trips and events outside the school they must remember that they continue to represent the school. Any behaviour that causes danger or distress to other students or members of the public or which damages the reputation of the school will be sanctioned. Any student who misbehaves on a school run event outside of the school may not be able to take part in future trips and events outside of school.

Policies relating to students driving to school, examinations, computing access, leadership opportunities etc can be found in the student handbook. All students will have access to an electronic copy of the handbook and it is also available on the school website.

Equal opportunities/Inclusion - the Weald Sixth Form is committed to ensuring students have equal opportunities regardless of gender, ethnicity, belief or wealth. We work hard to ensure that all our students benefit from all that the college offers in terms of curriculum and wider participation. We believe that no student should have their access to education restricted by financial concerns. Students who are concerned that their financial position may affect their ability to take part in the full range of Sixth Form activities can apply for a Bursary. Information is available from the Sixth Form team and all details will be treated in strict confidence.

In all their behaviour Sixth Form students should remember that they are role models to younger students who look to them to set an example in all their behaviours.