



## Behaviour for Learning

Our Behaviour for Learning policy should be read alongside the school's equality and diversity, action against bullying, SEN and Safeguarding Policies.

The effective delivery of the curriculum at Uxbridge High School will take place best when students are motivated to learn and behave well. The Behaviour for learning policy will establish the agreed ways in which all members of the school community will contribute towards the learning environment. Together we will be *proud to make success happen* for students at Uxbridge High School.

Positive behaviour for learning will be achieved when:

- there is an awareness of high behavioural expectations established in the school by students and staff;
- the importance of all students' personal development, behaviour and welfare is shared by the whole school community;
- there is consistent use of praise and rewards when behaviour is appropriate;
- there is consistent use of sanctions when it is appropriate.

The intention of the Behaviour for learning policy is to support a positive attitude towards learning for all students. To this end it will set out criteria for expectations:

- to establish and underline effective behaviour for students;
- to determine rewards for meeting/maintaining such behaviour;
- to detail guidelines for action when expectations are not met.

### 1. Improving Behaviour for learning at Uxbridge High School

#### 1.1 The school's motto and vision:

'*Proud to make success happen*' stems from our belief that success, at all levels, can only come through team work and partnerships between dedicated staff, disciplined and happy students, supportive parents and an enthusiastic committed governing body.

To nurture the ethos of "valuing success" the school has invested intentionally in personalised learning, the house system and extensive use of student rewards. Our core PROUD values reinforce our ethos to ensure all students demonstrate these – **P**ositive, **R**espectful, **O**pen Minded, **U**nique and **D**etermined.

The vision for students is as follows and is displayed in posters across the school site:

- Be positive about new types of learning in the classroom;
- Be respectful and kind to all members of our school community;
- Be open minded about all new opportunities;
- Demonstrate your unique skills and talents;
- Be determined to meet your target grades;
- Be proud to make success happen.

It is important that rules, strategies and systems are clearly understood by all members of the school community. They should be applied consistently, with flexibility and sensitivity, particularly in the use of consequences, considering each student's individual circumstances.



To this end, positive expectations are shared for both classroom and school in the form of our 'non-negotiables'.

### **1.2 Classroom non-negotiables**

- Follow the seating plan;
- Arrive on time equipped and ready to learn;
- Listen respectfully;
- Present work neatly;
- Work hard and make a positive contribution.

### **1.3 School non-negotiables**

- Attend on time wearing the correct uniform;
- Move swiftly to your next lesson, considering others;
- Be respectful towards each other and staff;
- Communicate positively;
- Take responsibility for the school environment, e.g. lunch trays and litter;
- Mobile phones and headphones – 'see it – lose it'.

To achieve these aims, all staff will need to adopt a policy of encouraging good attitudes. Central to these aims are rewarding and praising students, whenever possible. Rewards will be accessible for students of all abilities and praise and appreciation will play a key role. Opportunities to reward will be sought constantly and actively by all staff.

## **2. Rewards and sanctions**

The use of rewards and sanctions is communicated clearly to all at Uxbridge High School and staff are made aware that emphasis should be on positive encouragement and praise, wherever possible.

Students respond to a supportive and caring approach; they therefore need a high level of support, encouragement and reminders, in order to achieve the expected level of respect, courtesy, politeness and an active consideration of others. The house system and extra-curricular programme give students access to opportunities allowing them to make a positive contribution to the community.

### **2.1 Rewards**

- Behaviour Watch;
- Positive points;
- Vivo points;
- Praise and encouragement;
- Letters / post cards / phone calls home/ text message home;
- Stamps in student planner and on student's work;
- Plasma screens / displays of work;
- Subject certificates and rewards;
- 100% attendance and punctuality certificates;
- House competition awards;
- Student of the week certificates;
- Presentation evenings;
- Assemblies;
- School trophies and awards;



- Principal's commendation;
- Educational and recreational reward trips;
- Afternoon tea with SLT;
- SLT lunches.

## **2.2 Sanctions**

In order to create a firm yet supportive relationship with students, we must all take responsibility for establishing and reinforcing clear expectations. It is vital then that we all understand and internalise that we are in charge of and responsible for what happens in our classrooms and workspaces and the most effective members of staff in schools assert their authority with students in a firm positive manner.

Wherever possible, we aim to do whatever we can to resolve any problems without escalating to formal punishment. The effect of a coaching conversation between students and staff can often be far more powerful and long-lasting than the issue of a detention.

The sanctions procedures exist to support staff and students. Applied across the school, they will help to provide a framework to manage poor behaviour when it occurs and to demonstrate clearly to students that there are consistent consequences for actions they take which are harmful to our community.

## **2.3 Sanctions provision**

The following provision is in place to help us address incidents of disruptive behaviour around the school:

- Class detention;
- Curriculum detention;
- House detention;
- Whole school detention;
- Late detentions - issued weekly by Form Tutors and by house guidance leaders or head of house for persistent lateness:
  - 2-3 late sessions in a week = 15 minute form tutor detention,
  - 4-5 late sessions in a week = 15 minute form tutor detention and meeting with Head of House,
  - 6+ late sessions in a week or persistent lateness each week = House detention and parent contacted by Head of House or Guidance Leader;
- Patrol system (on call to support truancy and to support staff in dealing with poor behaviour);
- Short or long stop (a facility to house students who have had to be removed from their lessons as a consequence of significant disruption or an incident);
- Seclusion room (an alternative to fixed term exclusion, whereby students are educated on site, but separately from other students for a fixed period of time);
- Fixed term exclusion.

To support the sanction and referral system the school adopts the Behaviour Watch programme. Parents are automatically informed by text when a sanction has been set. Parents may also be informed by phone, email or letter from the guidance leader or head of house. Each behaviour type is attributed to behaviour points in order for the school to monitor the behaviour over time of individuals and particular behaviour types:



- Behaviour type A: This will be dealt with by the class teacher. The class teacher will complete the online form, together with the follow up action, which will all be logged on Behaviour Watch. An online behaviour slip is generated. 1 negative behaviour point will automatically be issued to the student.
- Behaviour type B: A class teacher or curriculum leader will complete the online form on Behaviour Watch, together with the follow up action. An online behaviour slip is generated, which will be emailed to the curriculum leader. 3 negative behaviour points will automatically be issued to the student. The class teacher may also send a letter home if the behaviour is persistent; this will be logged on Behaviour Watch. The curriculum leader will then follow up with an appropriate sanction, which will also be logged on Behaviour Watch.
- Behaviour type C: This is for the most serious breaches of the behavior policy. All teachers are able to complete the online form for this type of behaviour on Behaviour Watch. An online behaviour slip is generated which will be emailed to the house guidance leader, head of house and leadership line manager. Guidance leaders and heads of house will then complete any follow up action, which will also be logged on Behaviour Watch. The student will automatically be issued with 5 negative behaviour points.

In addition to following the clear guidance for rewards and sanctions it is also essential that key principles for personal development, behaviour and welfare are applied.

### **3. Key principals of the behaviour for learning policy are:**

- supporting and encouraging positive attitudes towards learning and behaviour through effective curriculum, teaching, rewards and sanctions. The policy will relate to the school improvement plan and underpin the goals that are agreed by staff and governors;
- developing and extending staff strategies to promote behaviour for learning, including individual and team CPD;
- operating and reviewing policies relating to student inclusion clearly and consistently;
- supporting the personal development of all through a planned and differentiated curriculum;
- working with students and parents to develop and support practice which enables effective learning and behaviour;
- monitoring the performance of individuals and groups at risk of disaffection, fully utilising all multi agency input within the school and beyond, i.e. the flexible learning centre (FLC), Hillingdon training centre (HTC) and other resources to support early implementation strategies.

### **4. Principles**

Uxbridge High School will apply the principles of the behaviour for learning policy by the following means:

#### **4.1 Prevention**

- Our rewards policy will encourage and act as recognition of the motivation and positive behaviour for the majority of our students;
- Rules will be kept to a minimum, but staff will make expectations / procedures explicit to students. The classroom 'non negotiables' are displayed in each classroom;
- Early intervention where problems first appear in lessons/school will take place through a planned and coordinated route;
- Employing a full range of classroom management strategies in the classroom including:



- A welcoming, positive greeting – staff waiting at the door;
- Ensuring students arrive on time, equipped to learn (pencil case and planners on desk);
- Emphasising positive responses and achievements;
- Seating / grouping plan;
- A variety of teaching and learning styles;
- Differentiated work, appropriate for each student;
- Following agreed routines, especially at the beginning and end of lessons;
- Encouraging self-assessment / evaluation / review;
- Ending lessons on a positive note;
- Orderly entry to and dismissal from the classrooms and other learning areas;
- Positive greeting on entry and exit by the member of staff and visiting staff members.

- Involving the experience of other staff to review and amend approaches in the classroom;
- Recognising that parents need to be involved, informed and welcomed in partnership, to ensure and consolidate positive behaviour;
- Establishing a partnership with students and involving them in taking responsibility for and developing their own learning;
- The governors should be perceived by students, parents and staff, as actively supportive in promoting high standards of behaviour;
- Liaising with the curriculum leader, head of house or house guidance leader to consider referral to the flexible learning centre (FLC) or alternative and additional provision;
- Using target setting as the basis for improving behaviour as well as extending learning for and with students.

#### **4.2 Active intervention**

This will entail:

- The consistent and positive application of the behaviour for learning policy by all staff;
- Expectations of all to be displayed and applied consistently by all. It emphasises self-discipline and raises awareness of what is expected by all members of the school community. A clear line of response whenever a behavioural problem emerges. Each stage relies upon professionalism, qualified judgement and common sense from staff involved;
- An adapted curriculum to offer appropriate support and challenge.

#### **5. Maintaining effective teaching and learning**

The most effective intervention to facilitate positive behaviour for learning are engaging lessons. Therefore Uxbridge High school places a great importance on the classroom teacher being primarily responsible for positive behaviour in the classroom. This, in turn, encourages students to take responsibility for their behaviour and learning in a way that encourages them to achieve and fulfill their potential.

- The first line of discipline will always be the classroom teacher; a well prepared, paced and pitched lesson will engage students and minimise the possibility of behaviour likely to cause difficulties;
- The teacher will employ a range of strategies which reinforces established rules and procedures and use rewards/sanctions consistently to support appropriate behaviour in the classroom and to avoid confrontation with/between students;



- It is important that parents are kept informed of a student's success and progress as well as unsatisfactory work or behaviour and that they are invited into school for discussion with the appropriate member of staff, if necessary and at an early stage of concern;
- The equivalent of a 'raised eyebrow' should be the first line of censure of inappropriate behaviour; the more severe the sanction the more quickly the stakes are raised for the student, thus the more likely confrontation is to occur;
- Students need to be given a controlled way out of inappropriate behaviour where possible; the more limited the choice for the student, the more likely they are to resort to confrontation;
- Research reveals that our positive comments are usually reserved for work and negative comments for behaviour. We need to reinforce appropriate behaviour by commenting on it;
- An effective teacher will want to reflect on a confrontation to see if there is a way of avoiding such a situation arising in the future. This will be discussed with a Curriculum Leader or Head of House as and when necessary;
- When proactive strategies are exhausted, relative ones are needed;
- Avoid appearing to humiliate a student in front of their peers;
- If students are sent out of a lesson it should be as a last resort; if sent out temporarily, it should only be for a few minutes' maximum (i.e. 5mins). The door should be open so that the student is being supervised by the teacher. Patrol should be called if a student needs to be out of lesson for an agreed 'short stop' (curriculum area) or 'long stop' (house office);
- Students need to be clear as to what was inappropriate about their behaviour and how they will be able to avoid repeating it in future;
- Persistent infringements of the behaviour policy need to be addressed more formally than minor or one-off infringements. Students need to be counselled and targets set/monitored, if real difference is to be made to their approach/attitude;
- If students present long-term difficulties for staff then curriculum leaders should be notified. We must be able to demonstrate that we operated a fair and consistent behaviour policy to make effective use of external support;
- It is important that there is a consistent approach to the recording of incidents across all curriculum areas and houses as well as the ways and stages in which matters are referred to curriculum leaders or heads of house through SIMs;
- Incidents which occur in lessons are the responsibility of the subject teacher in the first instance, and then followed up when necessary by the relevant curriculum leader. The role of the curriculum leader, house guidance leader and head of house is crucial in supporting the subject teacher;



- Repetition of serious behaviour in lessons should be discussed with the curriculum leader, house guidance leader or head of house, in order to determine the most appropriate route for action;
- Incidents which occur outside of lessons should be dealt with by all members of staff and the corridors are everyone's responsibility. Serious incidents should be passed on to heads of house as appropriate.

## **6. Interventions / Support**

- Clear whole school reporting and referral systems;
- Monitoring through the points system on Behaviour Watch and behaviour reports;
- House guidance leader mentoring support;
- Referral to the flexible learning centre (FLC);
- Student reports
- Pastoral support programmes (PSP);
- Restricted / alternative timetable;
- Alternative educational provision;
- Restorative justice;
- Referral to the safer schools police team.

## **7. Home/School Communications**

The school will aim to engage positively with families, communicating good news as well as involving parents when there are problems. It is important that parents understand the reasons why the school has used sanctions in response to any breach of the school's behaviour policy. All sanctions set through Behaviour Watch will generate a text that will automatically be sent to the parent. Parents are notified of positive reward points by emails generated automatically via Behaviour Watch. Subject teachers, tutors and house guidance leaders will also try to involve parents in supporting the school to resolve problems before they escalate. A serious incident which results in seclusions or fixed term exclusions, will always include a phone call home and wherever possible a meeting with the parent. The school will organise translators where this is required.

## **8. Serious breaches of the school's behaviour policy**

Serious breaches of behaviour includes:

- Bringing onto the premises any type of weapon, in particular any type of knife or sharp implement (including small penknife etc.) or any type of gun (including imitations);
- Bringing into the school any harmful or illegal substances (including tobacco and other drugs, fireworks, matches and lighters);
- Behaviour which prevents the learning of others to take place;
- Behaviour which places students or staff at risk and breaches health and safety;
- Acting to bring others onto or near the school premises as a means of intimidating or being violent towards members of the school;
- Bullying (including cyber bullying, bullying via social network sites etc.);
- Breaches of the school's equality and diversity policy;
- Failing to follow the instructions of members of staff;
- Any form of physical or verbal abuse;
- Deliberate damage to property or the school environment, including dropping litter;
- Smoking on the premises or in the locality of the school;
- Theft (including demanding money with menaces);



- Bringing into school any item which symbolises membership of a gang or involvement in gang related activity;
- Eating hot food outside of the canteen area or eating cold food outside of the picnic areas;
- Chewing gum on the school site;
- Bringing the school into disrepute;
- Persistent breaches of school uniform policy;
- Going off site without permission.

These will result in seclusions, fixed term exclusions of 5 days or less, longer fixed term exclusions or permanent exclusion.

Any serious breach of the school's behaviour policy will be thoroughly investigated by the head of house / leadership team and written statements collected where possible. In addition to a phone call, parents/ carers will receive a letter about any seclusions or exclusions within 24 hours.

### **9. Misconduct: exams**

Serious breaches of exam regulations including plagiarism will be investigated, reported to examination boards and lead to school sanctions being applied up to and including permanent exclusion.

### **10. Fixed term exclusion**

A fixed term exclusion will be considered for serious breaches of the schools' behaviour policy or for persistent disruptive behaviour, which is detrimental to the learning of others. The DfE regulations allow the Principal to exclude a student for one or more fixed periods not exceeding 45 school days in any one school year. Prior to an exclusion parents/carers are contacted immediately by telephone, where possible and a letter will be sent by post giving details of the exclusion and the date the exclusion ends. Parents have a right to make representations to the Governing Body regarding an exclusion. A meeting will be held following the expiry of the fixed term exclusion and this will involve the student, parent and a member of the leadership team or head of house. During the meeting a Pastoral Support Plan will be issued or reviewed.

### **11. Permanent exclusion**

Permanent exclusion is a last resort. The Principal will make the decision to permanently exclude in response to serious or persistent breaches of the school's behaviour policy. In addition, the principal will consider whether allowing the student to remain in school would seriously harm the education or welfare of the student or others in the school. The principal may also decide to permanently exclude a student where persistent and defiant misbehaviour continues despite the use of appropriate consequences and support. The school will ensure this decision is made once all other alternatives have been exhausted.

### **12. Monitoring of the behaviour policy**

A member of the leadership team monitors data for exclusions and seclusions and this is regularly reviewed by leaders in the school. This policy will be reviewed annually. In addition, a member of the leadership team will report to the governors' committee.