

April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Hanson School Standards and Expectations**

As we approach the end of the second term, we would like to remind you of our school expectations to ensure that following the Easter break all parents and students are fully aware of what our minimum standards and expectations are as a school. In addition, students will have year group assemblies to share key messages and reinforce our standards and expectations to them.

The vast majority of our students follow our code of conduct and meet our expectations with no issues at all and we are extremely proud of our student's work ethic and commitment to their studies. Sadly, the learning environment can be disrupted by a minority of students who fail to engage positively in their learning. These students will be challenged and sanctioned accordingly and will not be allowed to disrupt the learning of others.

#### **Key messages:**

**Good attendance** is essential to ensure students achieve their potential in school. Every day missed in the learning environment will impact negatively on academic achievement. Our target for all our students is to aim to be above 95% attendance. If your child's attendance is below this figure, then we strongly encourage that it improves over the duration of the Summer Term. Poor attendance will be challenged and where required fines may be applied.

**Punctuality** is an essential life skill. Students must arrive on time for school each day and arrive to each lesson on time. Students are expected to be in their Tutor rooms at 8.30am each morning so we would expect students to be arriving to the building no later than 8.25am each day. Lateness to school and lessons will be sanctioned accordingly as we move forward with periods of Isolation and after school detentions.

Our **uniform policy** is very clear. Black tailored trousers must be worn, no jeans or leggings. School footwear must be completely black whether it is trainers or shoes. No coloured markings are allowed at all on any footwear. Moving forward students who do not meet our expectations will be held in isolation until the issues have been rectified. Students should wear their blazers in the school building. Outdoor coats and hoodies must be removed when entering the school building so we can identify our students by their lanyards and uniform. Persistent offenders will have their coats confiscated until the end of the school day. Lanyards must be worn at all times. We have recently reissued all students without a lanyard a new lanyard as this is considered an essential part of their school uniform. Students without a lanyard must wait until the lunch queues have gone before they can be served, as we have to manually input information into the till system. New lanyards and ties can be purchased from student reception.

It is expected that all our students arrive to school **fully equipped** and ready to learn each day. It is your responsibility to ensure that your child has everything they need for their lessons. Students who fail to arrive

fully equipped for learning will be sanctioned accordingly with detentions and isolations. Basic equipment such as stationary can be purchased from the Tech shop (located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor) before and after school.

**Student planners** are absolutely essential for students to function in school – to monitor work set, praise and sanctions. The planner is an integral part of our communication with you as parents. The student planner provides a day by day, week by week snapshot of how well your child is doing at school. Tutors and parents/carers are expected to sign the student's planner weekly and may use the opportunity to discuss progress and attitude to learning. Persistent offenders who turn up to school with no planner will be sanctioned. We recently reissued all students without a planner with a new planner. Moving forwards lost planners can be replaced at a cost of £5 from student reception.

We expect all our students to follow their timetabled lessons and any student who is found to be late to lesson, truanting or getting removed from their lessons will be sanctioned with immediate isolation and an after-school detention. After school detentions run Monday to Thursday 2.55-3.30pm and SLT detentions run every Friday 2.55-4.00pm. If your child receives a detention a note will be placed in their planner and you will receive a MyEd/text message with information of the time and date.

Unfortunately, far too many students feel it is acceptable to display rude, defiant, confrontational behaviour towards staff or other students recently. We would like to remind you that this behaviour will not be tolerated and we expect our parents to support us in our efforts to challenge such behaviour. This type of behaviour is unacceptable not just in school but in society in general. The use of foul and abusive language in a school environment is highly inappropriate and cannot be justified at all.

Finally, may we remind you of the following:

- **Energy drinks** are not allowed to be brought into school.
- **Cigarettes, lighters, e-cigarettes (vapes)** are not permitted in school.
- **Facial piercings** are not permitted and only one small pair of studs in each ear lobe is permitted.
- **Hair** should be of a natural hair colour. Extreme haircuts and vivid colours are not permitted.
- **Mobile phones** must not be used in school. Students choosing to bring a mobile phone to school should switch it off at the school gates as they enter school site. If their mobile phone is seen or heard on site it will be confiscated until the end of the school day. Failure to comply will result in further sanctions.

We are proud of those students who continue to get it right and thank you as parents for your continued support. As you are aware we expect all our students to turn up on time, attend all lessons, arrive fully equipped and try their best.

We look forward to a new term where Hanson School continues to deliver the best we can for all our students. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we close at 2.50pm Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and reopening to all students as normal Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April. We wish you and your families a wonderful Easter break.

Yours sincerely



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