

AYLESBURY HIGH SCHOOL - HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

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Aylesbury High School holds its staff, students and parents in the highest regard and thanks all stakeholders for the opportunity to work positively together. We believe that successful education is achieved through collective working relationships; relationships of mutual respect, ambition for our uniquely talented young adults and a clear desire to facilitate both the academic and personal development of our students.

What is the Home-School Agreement?

There are many important aspects to the relationship between home and School that lead to a student's successful career in education. Some of these are laid down in detailed rules and policies elsewhere in the school.

The Home-School Agreement is a way of recognising two important features of this relationship:

1. Success comes from School and home working together to value hard work, promote achievement and encourage participation and commitment. A list of dos and don'ts does not create successful learning, AHS will focus on building strong relationships with students and parents.
2. This relationship is a process of co-operation and participation - AHS will commit to doing all that it can to foster strong and positive relationships, through clear communication and discussion.

The greatest success comes from a partnership where everybody contributes and all learn. It is hoped that this Agreement can be used to enhance that partnership and thereby enable all students to be successful.

School Statement

Aylesbury High School offers every student a balanced and broad curriculum which is forward-looking, innovative and of the highest academic quality. Our staff set standards of excellence for themselves and for their students, helping each young adult to reach their full potential and recognising the individual needs of each student.

Through the formal curriculum and through a planned programme of activities outside the classroom, we cultivate independence, strength and confidence in our students.

We believe that learning is enhanced by a welcoming environment that draws the best out of all in our community. We will provide an ambitious education that stimulates critical and creative thinking, that values diversity and facilitates dynamic personal development.

The school provides opportunities for all students to develop their skills, particularly leadership skills, and their ideas through the arts, sport and recreation, House activities and community involvement.

In all that we do, we aim to prepare our students for life in the fast-changing world of which they will become adult members, ready to play an active and positive part in the local, national and international community.

SCHOOL Commitment

We aim to:

- Provide a broad, balanced and high quality education, with specific awareness of the opportunities and challenges presented by AI
- Be aware of individual learning needs and set realistic and relevant homework
- Recognise success and reward hard work
- Provide a safe, caring and mutually respectful learning environment *
- Provide opportunities for all students to extend their learning outside the classroom and work with the local community
- Feedback on students' work promptly, discuss progress with them and set targets for improvement
- Communicate regularly with parents and provide opportunities to discuss progress, welfare and targets
- Maintain high standards in behaviour and dress and promote mutual respect in the school
- Use student names when addressing students
- Work closely and supportively with parents and students when improvement is needed in behaviour
- Provide ways for students to discuss issues of learning and life in school
- Review this Agreement with students, staff and parents every year

STUDENT Commitment

I aim to:

- Work to the best of my ability
- Attend school and lessons on time and appropriately equipped
- Help to keep the school a safe and co-operative working environment and be willing to keep it clean and tidy
- Have consideration for the learning needs of other students
- Take responsibility for my work - be organised, meet deadlines and work towards my targets
- Dress according to the school uniform policy
- Behave with respect and consideration for others in school and be aware of the need for safety in school
- Use staff names when addressing staff
- Make the school aware of any problems or concerns that affect me at school
- Make the best of opportunities to represent the school

PARENT Commitment

I aim to:

- Work with my daughter and the teachers to enable her to fulfil her potential
- Encourage my daughter to manage books and equipment effectively
- Provide an area in the home where my daughter can work in peace and quiet
- Take an interest in my daughter's work and encourage her to maintain progress and achieve her targets in all subjects
- Attend parents' evenings and discussions
- Reinforce School policies, such as the school Behaviour Policy and Uniform Policy by ensuring my daughter attends sanctions when asked
- Support the School when access to trips/DofE is removed due to missed payment or missed attendance at pre-trip meetings
- Support the school in solving problems of disruption and behaviour. I will work with the School to encourage accountability in my daughter
- Encourage my daughter to be aware of and respect others' needs and ideas in school
- Alert the school early to changes in circumstances which may affect my daughter's progress
- Avoid taking my daughter out of school unnecessarily; I will support my daughter in achieving the highest attendance possible

As reference (further to the photo consent permission): From time to time, photographs of significant school events are released to the press or included in our newsletter or website. Following national guidance, we do not publish photographs alongside students' names unless prior permission has been sought. Our policy can be summarised as 'names without photos, photos without names'.