

Expectations of Fortismere Sixth Form Students

Commitment to learning

- **Attendance & punctuality**
 - Attendance to lessons is fundamental to success in 6th form study. Students must make every effort to attend all timetabled lessons and if, through illness, any lessons are missed students must take on the responsibility for catching up on the work they have missed.
 - Punctuality is expected at Fortismere and students arriving repeatedly late to lessons not only compromise their own learning but also that of others in the class.
 - students and parents should refer to our separate attendance policy for further information
- **Organisation and completion of work set**
 - With the greater freedom awarded in the 6th form comes a greater sense of responsibility and ownership for learning. Students are expected to work to the best of their ability and follow the advice and guidance of their subject teachers.
 - Students have opted for the subjects they are studying and must complete all class work and homework set in addition to their wider reading and research into their subjects.
 - Students must have the following equipment to enable them to make progress each lesson: A4 paper, biros, pencil, ruler, subject specific equipment and books. They must also have a folder for each subject, file dividers and clear plastic wallets.
 - Students MUST have their department subject handbook with them for each lesson
- **Meeting deadlines**
 - Subject teachers will give advance notice of all deadlines. These must be noted and strictly adhered to by 6th form students. Students must ensure that they plan their time sufficiently to allow them to prioritise work when needed and meet all deadlines.
 - Departments may not accept work submitted after a deadline has passed and students must be aware of the serious implications missing deadlines could have on their examination results. Extensions will only be issued in prior consultation with individuals, their subject teacher and the Head of Department.
- **Participation and Focus**
 - Students are expected to engage fully with lessons and participate in any additional opportunities provided to best support their learning and progress. Students should participate with enthusiasm and a desire to progress
 - 6th form students are expected to behave in a manner that prioritises their learning above all other distractions. In lessons students should be entirely focussed on their learning. Whilst mobile phones can be useful for setting homework reminders and internet searching they should only be out of a student's bag with permission of the classroom teacher.

Commitment to self-development

- **Form time**
 - It is very important that 6th form students build a relationship with their form tutor. During the 6th form the tutor plays an important role in supporting and guiding students on a range of issues from pastoral support to UCAS. Students must attend form time and Academic Mentoring sessions that have been arranged.
- **Assemblies**
 - Attendance at a weekly assembly is compulsory regardless of whether or not a student has a lesson that morning. Important information and news is given out at assemblies and it is beneficial for the student body to come together as a year group and occasionally as a Sixth Form as a whole.
- **Enrichment**
 - 6th form students are expected to take up at least one enrichment opportunity during their time in the Sixth Form. This may be an activity that complements and supports their field of study or may be something entirely different. We want to give students the chance to enrich their educational experience here at Fortismere and develop new skills and meet new challenges.

Commitment to the school community

- **Senior Student Leaders, College Leaders and Role Models**
 - 6th formers must be aware of their duty as role models and ambassadors of the school to always be aware of the image they portray. Younger students within the school will look to the 6th form as role models and as such 6th form students must set a good example to be followed.
- **Lanyards**
 - Lanyards must always be clearly on display so that students can be easily identified. Site security is of vital importance and anyone not wearing a lanyard could be an intruder.
 - On no account is a 6th former permitted to bring visitors on the school site without prior permission neither should 6th formers use their badges to swipe in (or out) other students.
 - If a student has forgotten their lanyard they must collect a replacement from the 6th form office and pay a £1 deposit which will be returned when the lanyard is returned at the end of the day
- **Dress code and Behaviour**
 - 6th formers should consider themselves as ambassadors for the school both in and out of the school grounds. For this reason we expect exemplary behaviour from our students. We do not allow smoking near the school.
 - We expect our 6th form students to dress appropriately and follow the whole school dress code policy. We will ask students to go home and change if they do not adhere to the dress code.