



Sixth Form Agreement

We are delighted to welcome both existing RGS students and new students to the Sixth Form. We hope that you find the next two years to be exciting, challenging and positive and we would strongly encourage you to embrace every opportunity and to become involved in the life of the school by involvement in the co-curricular programme. It is our aim to help you fulfil your potential and to support this we have set out our expectations in this Agreement.

1. Expectations in the Sixth Form

An important aim of students in the Sixth Form is to achieve good results in examinations, to gain entry to Higher Education, and to leave the RGS as well rounded individuals, prepared for life beyond school.

If the school is to be successful in helping you achieve your potential, then it is important that you fulfil certain obligations. The staff therefore expect that you will:

- maintain a high level of attendance which does not fall below 90 %;
- arrive punctually for all lessons and all Form Tutor periods;
- organise study programmes carefully so that no time is wasted and set work is done thoroughly and handed in **on time**;
- do work beyond that which is set so as to develop a wider understanding of the subjects being studied;
- respect the atmosphere of the Library and quiet study areas by working silently;
- become involved in the life of the school by involvement in the co-curricular programme and taking advantage of leadership opportunities and volunteering;
- develop a good relationship with your tutor and your subject teachers so that you will feel able to discuss any problems with them;
- set a good example to the rest of the school by demonstrating excellent standards of behaviour and dressing in accordance with the dress code; a plain black or dark grey suit which is not pinstriped; Sixth Form or Prefect tie; plain white or pastel coloured shirt; plain dark coloured V-neck pullover or RGS V-neck pullover; black leather shoes (not trainers or boots); socks of a plain dark colour or grey.
- apply for any leave of absence in advance by filling in the online absence form on the school website;
- ensure that any part-time work commitments **do not** interfere with your academic studies and should under no circumstances be undertaken during the school day (8.45am – 3.40pm);
- take responsibility for your own learning and come prepared to use your private study time in a purposeful way;
- conduct yourself at all times with honesty, humility, integrity and respect.

You are expected to complete a minimum of **four hours work per subject per week in addition to your lessons**.

Students are asked to enter into an Agreement to fulfil these expectations

In the end, our joint success will depend upon the level of co-operation between staff and students, both as individuals and as a group. Both have obligations, which must be taken seriously.

If you do not consistently meet the school's expectations or it is felt you do not make reasonable progress, sanctions will be issued accordingly.

2. Sixth Form Agreement

We are a popular, successful and oversubscribed school. Given this situation and the traditionally high expectations with regard to attitude and behaviour within the Sixth Form, it is vital that the following Agreement is carefully considered by all students in the Sixth Form and their parents.

Please do not sign the Agreement unless you are happy to be bound by it and be aware that if you fail to meet the stated conditions then you may be asked to leave the Sixth Form.

The school agrees to support students in their aspirations for continuing education and work:

- by providing a safe and stimulating environment in which to study (please be aware that child protection procedures also apply to Sixth Form students and our policy can be found on the website);
- by providing a curriculum that reflects the needs of the post-16 student;
- by providing high quality teaching and tutor support;
- by a regular and continuing process of consultation and monitoring;
- by providing a range of guidance and information services and opportunities;
- by helping to raise self-esteem through the provision of enrichment opportunities for students;
- by ensuring that students are fully aware of the standards of work and conduct expected of them;
- by providing accurate and informative references.

The student agrees to contribute to his own learning development:

- by attending all lessons and all Form Tutor periods;
- by a high standard of punctuality;
- by providing written notice or explanation of absence;
- by completing homework and coursework within set deadlines;
- by sensible use of study periods including preparation for lessons;
- by observing the rules of the Library, study area and leisure facilities;
- by responsible and sensible standards of behaviour both in respect of other members of the school and wider community and in the use of the facilities of the Sixth Form and the school;
- by co-operating with the School Rules and RGS policies.

Student's Name: (IN CAPITALS):

Student's Signature: Form:

Form Tutor's Signature:

Parent's Signature: Date: