

College expectations and behaviour for learning.

NO EXCUSES

The management and staff at Shooters Hill Sixth Form College are concerned that an increasing number of students are not meeting the college's expectations in terms of attendance, punctuality and behaviour for learning.

Please note the following changes in the way the college will be operating from Tuesday 26th September onwards:

Punctuality – No excuses

Students who arrive late for lessons are missing vital learning and unfairly disrupting the learning of the majority of students who have turned up on time. Whilst we appreciate that travelling in London can be problematic in terms of traffic, too many students are simply not getting up early enough and leaving home too late to arrive on time for lessons.

From Tuesday 26th of September, the college will close the entrance gate at 9.00 a.m. sharp. Students who arrive after this time will not be admitted until the end of the first lesson at 10.00 am when the gate will be opened for a short period of ten minutes before being closed again for the remainder of the morning.

Students who do not have a 9.00 am lesson will only be given entry to the site if they can provide a paper or electronic version of their timetable confirming this.

Attendance – No excuses

Students who fail to maintain an appropriate level of attendance face the risk of being withdrawn from the college. This includes lessons where they have not been given access to the site because of poor punctuality. Any absences from college due to sickness or other approved reasons must be notified to the college in advance in order to be authorised. Non-urgent medical appointments should be scheduled where possible at times where students do not have a lesson. If a student reaches an unacceptable level of unauthorised absence they will be monitored through learning agreements and parents will be notified. Further unauthorised absence at this point will lead to withdrawal from all courses at the college. This includes failure to attend any English or Maths sessions.

Student ID cards – No excuses

All students must wear a 2017-2018 Student ID card and this must be visible at all times. Students who repeatedly fail to wear their ID card will be asked to leave the site. Students who leave their ID cards at home will not be given entrance to the site and will be sent home to get their ID cards. Students who have lost their ID cards will need to pay £5.00 for a replacement card.

Behaviour in lessons / non-completion of work – No excuses

Students who are identified as not meeting an acceptable standard of behaviour in lessons or do not complete necessary homework assignments by the deadline will be placed on a learning agreement and parents will be notified. Continued failure to behave appropriately or complete homework assignments will lead to withdrawal from the course.

We recognise that the majority of our students attend their lessons and arrive on time, wear their ID cards throughout the day and behave appropriately in lessons.

The measures outlined above are being put in place to ensure that the college's expectations are met and that all students are given the opportunity to learn in a positive environment.

Shooters Hill Sixth Form College recognises it has responsibility in preparing students for higher education, apprenticeship or employment. The measures outlined above are designed to help students achieve this aim.

Thank you for your support

Shooters Hill Sixth Form College Senior Leadership Team