UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL

University of Birmingham School

Sixth Form Home School Agreement

SEPTEMBER 2025

SIXTH FORM
OUR COMMITMENT

We are driven to provide a great, rounded education for our young people and are committed to working with parents and carers to ensure that all are active participants in their child's learning and development. We recognise and greatly value these partnerships, including those in the wider community – we truly achieve more together than in isolation.

WE WILL:

- Always care about our students' wellbeing and protect their safety at all times
- Make sure we always come to lessons well prepared and provide appropriately challenging work that paves the way for success in school and life
- Set appropriate homework regularly and use it to improve learning outcomes for students
- Offer opportunities to further enhance students' development into socially and cultural aware, well rounded members of the community through enrichment, assemblies, visits and wider exposure to the best that has been written and created
- Constantly strive to become better educators through our own reflective practices
- Provide rewards for students' endeavours and opportunities for pupils to become young leaders
- Work to meet the needs of all pupils in the school in a consistent way, making reasonable adjustments when we need to
- Ensure that each student's form tutor will follow each of their student's progress both academically and through their development of character
- Go out of our way to get to know each of our students as individuals and build relationships with them

PARENT-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

- We believe that through regular communication, a relationship of trust between school and home can be created
- We will hold yearly parents' evenings and issue progress reports on a regular basis
- We will make sure that parents and carers are able to communicate with form tutors, teachers and other staff by phone or email, and will reply to all communication as soon as possible, usually within 48 hours
- We will communicate through Class Charts regarding achievements and behaviour concerns. If your child needs to remain in school for detention, we will communicate this through a Class Charts alert and email
- We will welcome parents and carers into the school community and will arrange relevant meetings as promptly as possible once a request has been made

BEHAVIOUR

- We will reinforce University of Birmingham School virtues and values consistently and fairly
- We will protect students from poor behaviour by insisting on high standards and holding students to account for their actions

STUDENT
CODE OF CONDUCT

INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY
BE SELF-MOTIVATED, INDEPENDENT AND RESOURCEFUL LEARNERS.

- I will attend all timetabled lessons and arrive on time.
- I will be independent and complete homework and coursework for the deadlines that are set by teachers.
- I will use all my study periods productively for work.
- I will work quietly and show humility by allowing others to do the same.
- I will only use my phone for work during study periods, with headphones if needed.
- I will attend any support or study sessions when asked to by a member of staff.
- I will be organised and bring to school the correct equipment including the subject folders for the lessons that day and any materials I need for Study Periods.
- I will not use a mobile phone during lessons unless given specific permission.

FUTURE FOCUS
BE ASPIRATIONAL AND RESILIENT, SUSTAINABILITY AWARE, WITH A COMMITMENT TO PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT.

- I will follow the Sixth Form Dress Code at all times.
- I will show determination and arrive at school on time every day.
- I will check my school email daily and use it professionally and courteously.
- I will actively participate in all Learning for Life, Enrichment, and outreach sessions.

PRACTICAL WISDOM
MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY, ACTING WITH HUMILITY AND CONFIDENCE, WITH THE GOOD JUDGMENT TO DO THE RIGHT THING AT THE RIGHT TIME.

- I will show good citizenship and treat the Sixth Form Centre and the wider school building with respect.
- I will show kindness and empathy, treating others with dignity, respect and tolerance.
- I will speak to staff respectfully and politely, and follow instructions given to me.
- I will behave appropriately at all times, this includes time when I am off-site or travelling to and from school.
- I will correctly 'tap in' when I arrive and 'tap out' when I leave the school site – for safety and safeguarding.
- I will wear my school lanyard around my neck at all times.
- I will put my coat and outdoor wear away when I arrive in school and will not wear it, or carry it, around school.
- I will not have my headphones visible or my phone out as a move around school.
- I will not bring vapes, cigarettes or similar items into school or use anywhere near to the school premises.
- I will use social media appropriately and not say anything hurtful about anyone or post any photos or videos from in-school.
- I will, whilst aiming not to receive one, attend any detention or other sanctions that I may receive.

PARENT/CARER
YOUR COMMITMENT

I believe my child is capable of academic and personal success and that it is through hard work on the part of my child, with my support, that their potential will be realised.

LEARNING

- I will make sure my child comes to lessons prepared with their equipment (including completed homework) and ready to engage with learning
- I will support my child to participate in all school activities, including trips
- I will provide the school with all relevant documentation and information regarding their individual needs
- I understand that my child will have homework set on a daily basis, including weekends. It is my responsibility to see that homework is completed. I will regularly check Class Charts to support the completion of homework.

HEALTHY LIVING

- I understand that the school will encourage my child to have a healthy lifestyle, I will give my child healthy food and drinks to take to school and I support the choices made by the school in this respect
- I will encourage my child to take an active part in all sports and enrichment activities

ATTENDANCE

- I will ensure that my child arrives to school on time every day (8.50am), except in cases of illness or another legitimate reason
- If my child is absent, I will contact the school by 9am on the day of absence to report why my child is absent. If an absence lasts for more than one day, I will continue to keep the Attendance Officer informed.
- I will provide medical evidence for every absence where requested and understand that the school uses the Fast Track system to monitor and support good attendance of all of its students.

PARENT-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

- I will make myself available to the school by providing details (phone and email) for at least two emergency contacts which are regularly updated
- I will communicate with the school in a timely and polite manner, in line with the school's character virtues
- I will read all reports carefully, attend parents' meetings, regularly check Class Charts and check and sign any monitoring documents

UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

- I will ensure my child wears the full Sixth Form dress code every day. I understand that if they are not dressed according to the dress code they may be asked to return home to change
- I understand that the school takes no responsibility for the damage, loss or theft of any personal electronic devices or items of value

BEHAVIOUR

- I understand the University of Birmingham School ethos and support its culture of Character Education and expectations of students.
- I accept and support the Sixth Form Code of Conduct and the systems for holding students to account
- I understand that detentions may be given for not meeting the Sixth Form Code of Conduct and that it is my child's responsibility to attend
- I understand that my child cannot be excused from detention or any other after-school intervention. If my child cannot attend for a legitimate reason, I will contact the school to rearrange another date for them to complete their detention after-school.

THE SCHOOL'S AGREEMENT

We understand that this commitment will require us to go above and beyond the average expectations of a school. We sign it voluntarily because we believe that University of Birmingham School is a partnership between the parents, carers and staff that exists to create the best possible education for our students.

Signed: _____ Mr C Townsend (Principal)

STUDENTS, PARENTS AND CARERS

By submitting your **Data Collection Form** as part of our Sixth Form enrolment process, you are agreeing to abide by our Home School Agreement, which includes our student Code of Conduct.

Copies of this document are available via our website (www.uobschool.org.uk), within the Sixth Form Handbook or by contacting the Sixth Form Team at sixthform@uobschool.org.uk