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# Home School Partnership

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Through our academic and pastoral work, we are committed to nurturing our students into educated citizens who are successful in their chosen careers and who care deeply about their communities. Partnership with parents is crucial to our mission and we want parents to actively join with us in helping their children make the progress and develop as they should. Our vision is that together we create a school that is at the heart of the community and a force for good within it. Therefore, it is important that there is an agreement between parents and The Hurlingham Academy that outlines our joint commitment to our children.

## **As an academy, we will:**

- Pursue excellence for and from all, We will encourage your child to give their best effort to everything undertaken, be it academic or extra-curricular in order to fulfil their potential.
- Value and celebrate the pride taken by your child when completing work.
- Be appropriately formal in tone and ethos, emphasising the importance of full adherence to academy rules on behaviour, homework and uniform.
- Care for your child's safety and happiness within a supportive community; one in which indifference, disrespect, discrimination and bullying have no place and where sensitivity and compassion to others is both valued highly and nurtured.
- Communicate with parents on a regular basis; keeping you well informed about general academy matters and more specifically about the academic progress of your child.
- Invite, listen and respond to your views as quickly and effectively as possible, providing an open and welcoming culture for parents and students within which we can work together to achieve success.
- Provide a balanced, stimulating and challenging curriculum with clear lesson objectives alongside enrichment opportunities that will prepare your child not only for further academic success, but also for the world of work and participation as a responsible citizen within society. Homework will be set regularly throughout the year following the published homework timetable.
- Inform your child about how to improve academically through regular assessment, formative marking and feedback, examples of good work and clarity of communication.

## **As parents/carers, you will:**

- Ensure that your child arrives to the academy on time; that any absences are notified by telephone on the day of absence and a note accompanies your child on their return explaining their absence.
- Provide a supportive environment at home that encourages learning, reading and application to homework. You will take an interest in your child's work at the academy, encouraging them to take pride in their work and to always do their best.

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- Support all the academy's policies, especially on uniform, appearance, mobile phones, attendance and behaviour.
  - Review the Student Planner regularly; signing it weekly to indicate homework is being monitored and responding to notes from staff.
  - Read all communication from the academy and respond accordingly.
  - Attend Parents' Evenings and meetings arranged at a mutually convenient time regarding any concerns over your child's progress or behaviour.
  - Grant permission for the academy to take your child offsite locally (i.e. the near vicinity of the academy) for academic or other purposes in groups of no more than 10 students per adult.
  - Agree to your child's image being used (on a non-commercial basis) for academy prospectuses, marketing, corridor display, publications and the website unless you have indicated that the academy may not.
  - Support any detention given out on the same day for inappropriate behaviour, trusting that the academy is working to support their child's nurture and learning. Notification will always be given.

**As students, you will:**

- Complete all the work set to the best of your ability taking pride in your work and its presentation.
- Attend the academy on time, carrying the academy bag containing the Student Planner, Knowledge Organiser and relevant exercise books.
- Be properly equipped to learn: black and green pens, pencils, rulers, board pens, scientific calculator, mathematics set.
- Be ready to learn at the start of every lesson: be punctual, equipped, have your planner out on the desk, listen carefully throughout the lesson and always be respectful of your teacher's requests.
- Wear the academy uniform correctly and take pride in your appearance. You represent our community and the uniform policy must always be observed.
- Not be seen with inappropriate equipment. Mobile phones/earphones/electronic gaming and/or personal music equipment are not allowed to be seen in the academy. They MUST be switched off at all times and kept in bags. If seen, such equipment may be confiscated and returned only to your parents. The academy does not take any responsibility for lost or stolen mobile phones.
- Discourage bullying, including hurtful cyber-bullying. You are not to use photographic, video images of staff and students or pass them to a third party. Engaging in any inappropriate use of your mobile phone will result in your phone being confiscated for a minimum of five days.
- Recognise that you are ambassadors for The Hurlingham Academy in the wider community whenever the uniform is worn. You must behave appropriately.
- Comply with sanctions when applied for inappropriate behaviour.
- Support the academy rules and respect the universal values in the academy's ethos, demonstrating respect, manners and care and concern for all other members of the school. You should always be sensitive to the needs of others and respectful of their views.

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- Respect the environment and keep the academy free from litter and graffiti.
  - Consent to your photograph being used for non-commercial purposes (e.g. in academy publications, on the corridor walls, magazines, the website and the prospectus) unless parents have expressly indicated
  - Play a positive part in enhancing the success and reputation of the academy.

**Signed .....** **Student**

**Signed .....** **Parent/Carer**

**Signed .....** **School**

**Date .....**

**A separate version of this will be sent to you for signing requesting the specific permissions needed.**