

Dear Student

## **Student Agreement 2021-22**

Welcome to New College Pontefract and to the start of your life as a college student. Our main aims during your time with us are to ensure that you achieve academic success and for you to gain important vocational skills and experiences through our Personal Development Curriculum. To help with this we will provide you with strong support along the way.

You are joining a happy college with outstanding provision as recognised by Ofsted, a strong culture of work and motivation, but with plenty of opportunities to make new friends and try new activities in our enrichment programme.

Our learning values and some important messages sum up what will be expected of you. We would like you to read below and agree so together we can create the conditions for your success.

### ***Six Week Probationary Period***

***The first six weeks as a student of New College is a probationary period. During this period, if your progress, attendance or behaviour is of serious concern, the Principal or Vice Principal reserves the right to take appropriate action, which might include (but is not exhaustive)***

- ***Withdrawal from college***
- ***Extension of the probationary period***
- ***Change of courses or subjects***

***Any decision to withdraw will follow a documented meeting with you and notification to parents/carers.***

| <b>A-Level Students</b>   | <b>Applied General Qualification Students</b>   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On completion of your summer independent learning activity (SIL), initial assessment and first Cedar assessment, your Progress Tutor will review your progress and discuss whether you are on the right courses for you to be successful.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On completion of your SIL assessment and your initial assessment your Progress Tutor will review your progress and discuss whether you are on the right courses to be successful.</li></ul> |

## **Our Values – the 5 C's**

**Candour** – to be open, honest and fair with everyone. We value the opinions of our students and want them to engage in an open dialogue with us both in and out of lessons. We expect all of our students to listen to others and be respectful of each other's beliefs and opinions. This also applies to behaviour and communication on social networking sites. Any attempt to damage the reputation of the college, or any members of our community will represent a breach of your learning agreement with us and will be treated very seriously.

**Challenge** – to have high expectations of ourselves and each other. Successful and outstanding students attend every lesson, arriving on time with the right equipment. They apply this organisation to all lessons and to their preparations for assessments and exams. They view their target grades as the minimum they should achieve at college and strive every lesson to surpass these.

**Collaboration** – to learn from each other for the benefit of all. Successful and outstanding students never lose focus on their target grades and see them as a minimum starting point to be used as a springboard for greater success. They work with teachers and tutors to agree high expectations. Successful and outstanding students see staff and parents as partners in their learning and understand that all parties are committed to their success.

**Commitment** – to be dedicated, resilient and strive for continuous improvement. Successful and outstanding students don't just work in the classroom, they make effective use of their independent study time outside of the classroom and always complete their Directed Independent Learning (DIL) task to the highest standards. Successful and outstanding students agree a course of study with the college and stick to it; they realise that sometimes the work will be challenging but are not put off by this and understand that their commitment to

their courses must be sustained right through until the end of their two years of study. Attendance at all subject lessons, weekly tutorials, TAPs, ISC and EPQ (Y13) are compulsory.

**Care** – to be considerate of others and their needs. Successful and outstanding students take responsibility, demonstrate positive attitudes and show respect for all members of the college community. They look after themselves physically and mentally and they strike a positive balance between academic studies, enrichment and leisure / social activities.

### Important Messages

#### **1. Green light to New College Pontefract**

During the probationary period your teachers and progress tutors will closely monitor attendance, attitudes to learning and your performances in assessments to make informed decisions about whether students are enrolled onto the correct courses. Changes of course can take place as a result of this, with the deadline for these changes being the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2021. This is also subject to subject specific entry requirements being met and places available on the course.

#### **2. Study Programmes**

After the course change deadline all students **must** remain on all subjects for the remainder of the two years. This is non-negotiable if you are to remain a full-time student at the college.

Please note: Students starting the year on four subjects will need to commit to continuing on all four subjects for the two years by this date.

#### **3. GCSE English and Maths**

Any students who are re-sitting GCSE English and Maths, must understand that these subjects are just as important as your level 3 qualifications in allowing progression after your time at college and attendance and commitment will be reviewed on a regular basis.

#### **4. Holidays in term time**

Under no circumstances should holidays be taken during term time as exams controlled assessments and set tasks no longer solely take place at the end of the academic year. You will also miss important content and teacher contact time as a result of your absence.

#### **5. Attendance**

Attendance and attitudes towards studies are constantly monitored and reviewed by teachers and Progress Tutors. It is a simple expectation that students attend all of their lessons and tutorial, apply themselves to their studies fully and complete all work to the best of their standard to the deadlines given by college staff.

### **Student Agreement**

I have read the New College Learning Values and will adhere to all of them.

### **Students studying Applied General Qualifications (BTECs, Cambridge Technicals, CACHE, WJEC, UAL)**

I have watched the video on submissions, re-takes and plagiarism and understand and agree to the deadlines that are in place and the standards I must follow.  (please tick the box to confirm).

**Student signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_