

The Corsham School – Corsham6th

Student and 6th Form Agreement 2021-22

Corsham6th welcomes students to the 6th Form and recognises the choice they have made to continue their education at The Corsham School. This agreement is an important commitment between the student and Corsham6th and is a fundamental part of the enrolment process.

Mission Statement:

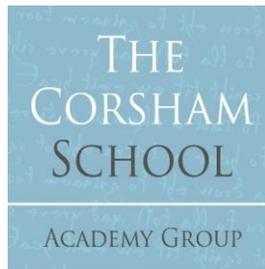
The Corsham School has the highest expectations of Corsham6th students and expects that, on a weekly basis, Year 12 students work independently out of the classroom for 6 hours per subject. On transition to Year 13, students are expected to engage in self-directed study for 8 hours per subject. Developing independence through positive learning experiences and being committed to a rewarding education experience is a full-time responsibility.

Corsham6th expects every student to make good use of self-study periods through self-motivation. In preparation for higher education and professional life, timetabled teaching together with the work undertaken *outside* the classroom will determine the final grades achieved.

Finally, Corsham6th expects the highest level of student respect for each other, teachers, the school and the wider local community. It is by having this mutual respect that students continue to develop both socially and morally. Students must think highly of themselves in order to achieve their potential. Corsham6th will show that students are valued and cared for, but self-belief is a crucial part of the journey.

Expectations of Corsham6th: Corsham6th aims to provide the best experience possible for you. In the event you do not agree we embrace change through your feedback via Student Voice:

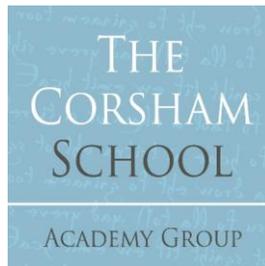
- **Registration and Guidance Time from 8.40am to 9.00am** - meeting with Tutors five mornings a week in year 12 and at least three times in year 13 provides opportunities to build a solid relationship with tutors, emphasises the need for punctuality and allows Corsham6th to provide excellent references.
- **A Level & BTEC Target Grades** – an aspirational target grade, based on high ALPS scores, will be provided. This aspirational target grade demonstrates Corsham6th’s ambition for its Students to realise their potential.
- **Quality Teaching, Formative Assessment and ‘Next Steps’ Advice** - rated by OFSTED as ‘a particular strength of the school’ (where) ‘student progress is strong’, the teaching at Corsham6th is led by a team of highly experienced 6th Form teachers who will provide high quality teaching, regular targets and guidance on how to improve. They will encourage development of independent learning skills and take responsibility for students taking responsibility for their own learning and progress.
- **Regular Reporting and Monitoring** - reports will be sent home three times a year, detailing students’ subject involvement, independence and Most Likely Result (MLR) in each subject. Small amounts of information, delivered on a regular basis, allows Students the very best chance of steady improvement and, crucially, facilitates intervention where required. Mock exam feedback will also be provided.
- **Facilities and Resources** – Our new Corsham6th Centre allows students to enjoy their own community area and quiet study room. Corsham6th puts trust in all 6th Form Students to use the study rooms in a mature fashion and as a stepping-stone to the freedom of Higher Education and other routes.



- **Work Experience and Career Guidance** – students will be encouraged to participate in at least one week of work experience, with Corsham6th support. In addition, they will receive one-to-one careers sessions and participate in an extensive range of activities in preparation for Higher Education. Running alongside academic work, preparation for life beyond The Corsham School is arguably one of the most important roles of the Corsham6th as well as ensuring students are fully equipped to make appropriate life choices.
- **Clear Communication Channels** – Corsham6th will communicate clearly with students and, where appropriate, their parents. Students will have opportunities to feedback their views through regular Student Voice opportunities and via the Student Leaders. Corsham6th values Students’ opinions and provides them with an opportunity in which to debate these ideas.
- **Extra-Curricular Activities** - an extensive range of activities are on offer in which Students can participate. The Corsham6th experience is about becoming a well-rounded individual and The Corsham School hopes that Students will find many activities that interest and engage them.
- **Intervention** – if Students are underachieving, extra intervention is usually required to enable them to reach their full potential. Additional sessions, revision clinics and study sessions will be provided to support Students in reaching their target grades.
- **Volunteering & Enrichment** – Corsham6th will provide numerous opportunities for Students to volunteer their time regularly throughout the academic year. Consistent volunteering improves the opportunity for Corsham6th to write excellent references.

Expectations of Students: As a Corsham6th Student, you will ensure the following:

- **Attendance** - 100% attendance and 100% punctuality at all lessons and sessions.
 - There is a significant correlation between attendance and achievement. Missing lessons and not using self-study periods wisely will prevent you from achieving your potential. The use of the 6th Form Centre and other Corsham6th privileges are subject to meeting expectations.
 - Attendance will be monitored by tutors and the Corsham6th Leadership team. Attendance records will allow for legitimate reasons for absence, such as long-term illness, University visits, etc as well as exceptional circumstances. Please see your tutor to discuss.
 - Year 12 students are expected to register with their tutor every day to receive excellent pastoral care and guidance.
 - Year 13 will be able to apply for private study if they have high levels of attendance and punctuality (contextually) in year 12.
 - Students can be placed on Cause for Concern contracts if they are not meeting expectations. This will be communicated to parents/carers.
 - Each unauthorised lesson absence will be treated as truancy and jeopardizes your academic progress. In the event of an unauthorised lesson absence you will be subject to appropriate sanctions.
 - Driving lessons and tests during timetabled lessons are not permitted and will be marked as unauthorised absences, as this is a missed opportunity for academic learning and the achievement of student targets.
 - The safety of our students is paramount therefore year 13 students are expected to sign in/out in and email 6thform@corsham.wilts.sch.uk, to detail the reason for the absence. Year 12 students are required to have a parent/carer email or telephone regarding any absence.
 - Refer to *The Corsham School Discipline Policy* for more detail.



- Persistent absences will result in more serious sanctions such as:
 - Withdrawal of privileges including extra-curricular activities and study room.
 - Attendance at supervised study on Friday afternoon.

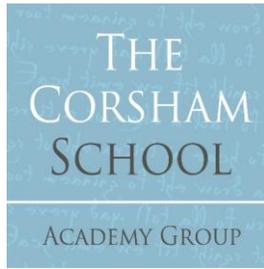
- **Behaviour** - Corsham6th is the pinnacle of The Corsham School and our 6th Form Students are important role models to students across the lower school. As a 6th Former, you will be expected to act and dress in an appropriate manner at all times, to reflect your status. You will bring your relevant equipment such as textbooks and folders to all lessons as well as your organiser if you have one.
 - *Refer to the Corsham6th Handbook* for explicit guidelines on expected dress code for 6th Form Students.

- **Effort and a Strong Work Ethic** - Second only to attendance, subject involvement and meeting deadlines, including homework, are the biggest contributors to achievement. We expect you to work hard both in and out of school and to maintain a high effort profile. Your profile will be measured by key criteria for success, including; effort, engagement and attendance.

- **High Achievement** - You have chosen to attend a high achieving 6th Form with high standards, high quality teaching and learning, and high expectations of all that work within it. Consequently, we expect you to do all you can to achieve your potential. 6th Form teaching staff will regularly issue you with targets to improve; you are expected to act on this advice and use the support provided by Corsham6th.
 - Where there is a gap of one grade between your target grade and MLR you will be given a period of time (typically 4 weeks) to demonstrate you are acting on the next steps. This will be confirmed by your subject teacher and then acknowledged by your parents. Your Form Tutor will support you in achieving these 'Next Steps'.

- **Information Communication Technology (ICT)** - As a Corsham6th Student, you will ensure that you:
 - Check your school email regularly, at least once per day as this is the preferred method of communication for many teachers and departments.
 - Check the Corsham6th section of the school website at least once a week.
 - If possible, bring your own device to lessons and subjects that require it.
 - Adhere to The Corsham School's *Acceptable Use Policy for Social Media*.

- **Volunteering, Personal, Social and Employability Skills** - The Corsham School provides excellent opportunities through enrichment activities in the community and lower school involvement for students to engage in volunteering, an essential item for University and Job applications.
 - Students are expected to complete 20 hours of volunteering or similar personal, social or employability skill-based activities, per academic year. This may be achieved by using the opportunities provided by The Corsham School and/or by involvement in activities and organisations outside of school. To meet the expectation, any activities outside of school need to be approved by Corsham6th leadership team. Students will be expected to maintain a record and evidence of their volunteering/activities as this will help you in the future.



Summary

We are delighted that you chose Corsham6th for your post-16 education and aim to make your educational experience as positive as possible. We look forward to helping you achieve your potential and have set out what we believe you should expect from Corsham6th. Expectations are high for our students and appropriate measures are in place to support anyone struggling to achieve them. We trust that you can sign this agreement in the confidence it represents a joint commitment to succeed.

Mrs Emma Cooper

Assistant Head – Director of Corsham6th

Mr Rod Bell

Executive Headteacher

Student details

Print Name _____ Tutor Group _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent details

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____