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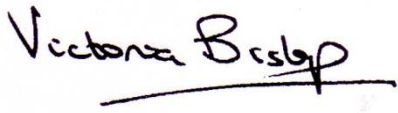
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Glossary

SLT	Senior Leadership Team
DoY	Director of Year
SAP	Senior Assistant Principal
VP	Vice Principal
ISE	In-School Exclusion
ExP	Executive Principal
ASSP	Associate Principal



1. Ethos Statement

1.1 Sir Christopher Hatton Academy – everyone has the right to be treated with respect and to learn in a safe and orderly environment.

2. Consultation

2.1 Behaviour principles of this policy were produced in consultation with our staff, students and parents/carers between March and April 2017.

3. Background and purpose

3.1 At Sir Christopher Hatton Academy (SCHA) we aim to promote values of honesty, understanding and respect in our students through positive role models (staff), high expectations and high quality, consistent teaching and learning. This is reflected by our achievement of the awards such as the Silver Anti-Bullying award, Stonewall Gold Award the Inclusion Quality Mark and the Extended Healthy Schools accreditation.

3.2 The purpose of this policy is to fulfil our duty of care to students and employees: promote outstanding teaching, learning and high standards of attainment and to preserve the reputation of the academy.

3.3 The rewards and sanctions detailed in this policy are to demonstrate that misbehaviour is not acceptable; and to show that actions, both positive and negative have consequences. The rewards in this policy are to reinforce the principle that actions have consequences and to celebrate success.

3.4 The Board of Directors and Senior Leaders of the Academy (SLT) expect that teachers have the core responsibility for managing students in their classes.

3.5 The Board of Directors and staff at SCHA have made the tackling of bullying a key priority and are clear that no form of bullying should be tolerated (see Anti-bullying policy, E-Safety/Acceptable Use Policy). As such these issues are addressed through the behaviour policy. We do not feel that bullying is wide-spread at SCHA (through the monitoring of Behaviour Watch data and referrals) but we are aware it does happen. We always consider any complaints connected with bullying and behaviour seriously, no matter what the circumstances, and always try to deal promptly, sensitively and efficiently with incidents when they do occur.

3.6 All parties must be aware that bullying issues are dealt with in conjunction with this Behaviour Policy.



4. Statement of our principles

- All students have a right to learn and teachers to teach in a safe and secure environment.
- We promote high expectations, equality of opportunity, the welfare of all students and good relationships across the whole academy community.
- The quality of teaching, learning and behaviour in the academy are interrelated and is the responsibility of all staff and students.
- We are committed to outstanding educational outcomes for all students.
- The support of all parents is essential for the maintenance of good behaviour. The academy has a long and successful partnership with parents, which is highly valued and effective. We will continue to develop this partnership
- We are committed to eliminating discrimination, harassment and bullying of all kinds.
- We work closely with external agencies, including but not exclusively: Stonewall, the Local Authority, Primary Schools and TaMHS, in order to ensure the best possible provision for students and staff.
- We have high expectations in terms of: modelling good behaviour, consistency of approach and of implementation by all staff as these are all keys to success.
- Behaviour for learning is our main approach and preventative action is preferred. However, where students can behave but choose not to, there will be clear and firm strategies in place to help students to manage their behaviour.
- The behaviour policy and procedures ensure that all students and staff are treated equally and fairly. We monitor and evaluate the impact of the behaviour policy on different groups of students including gender, age group, ethnic group, special educational needs and disability.
- Good behaviour in classrooms and around the academy helps to ensure the health and safety of students, staff and visitors.
- Respect has to be given in order to be received. Parents, carers, students and academy staff all need to operate in a culture of mutual respect and consideration.
- The policy and procedures aim to develop a clear understanding in students that all actions and choices (both positive and negative) have consequences. The policy includes rewards and sanctions to develop this principle.
- Students who do not have the necessary understanding or skills to follow the academy rules will receive behavioural support and a carefully planned response according to their needs within the academy's resources.



- We have a 'zero tolerance' approach to violence, possession of an offensive weapon or other dangerous items e.g. tools that could be used as a weapon, illicit drugs, and direct verbal or physical abuse. Any student found with weapons, dangerous items that could be used as a weapon, substances, or any student who uses violence against another student or member of staff must expect to be permanently excluded.

5. Pupils conduct outside the academy gates

5.1 The law allows teachers to discipline pupils for misbehaving outside the academy premises "to such an extent as is reasonable".

Staff may discipline pupils for:

Misbehaviour when the pupil is:

- Taking part in any academy-organised or academy-related activity
- Travelling to and from the academy
- Wearing the academy uniform
- In some way is identifiable as a pupil at the academy.

Or misbehaviour at any time, whether or not the conditions above apply, that:

- Could have repercussions for the orderly running of the academy
- Poses a threat to another pupil or member of the public or
- Could adversely affect the reputation of the academy.

5.2 In all cases of misbehaviour the teacher can only act on academy premises, or elsewhere when the pupil is under the lawful control of the staff member e.g. on an academy trip.

6. Sanctions for Students

6.1 Staff should be clear that they have legal powers to uphold the Academy Behaviour Policy and do not need pupil or parent/carer permission for a sanction including detentions.

6.2 When sanctions are required the following are examples of what could be used by staff – this is not an exhaustive list:

- Minor consequences e.g. a short reprimand/verbal warning; the 'look'; proximity control (move closer); redirecting onto task etc.
- A reminder of the consequences of making the wrong choice
- Reminder to students of the behaviour policy and rules, and that it has been agreed by the whole academy community
- Move the student and/or change the seating plan in the room
- Students may be sent out of the classroom for a short cooling off period. This should not be for longer than a few minutes; staff are responsible for the safety of students at all times



- A break, lunchtime or end of the day detention (see detention section for further details)
- Contact with parents e.g. phoning home, email, text or letter
- Report – for students' whose behaviour or attitude continues to fall below academy expectations, a report may be issued which must be signed every lesson and reviewed by the relevant Director of Year at 3pm each day. If no improvement is made then further sanctions will be issued
- Community Service – students may be required to carry out activities which repair damage done to the academy site as a result of their actions or to raise the student's awareness of active citizenship as a result of their poor behavioural choices. Community Service may include litter picking, running errands or tidying areas of the academy site
- Confiscation of inappropriate or restricted items (see banned items below).
- Removal within the department and/or "on call" (after other options have been exhausted).
- Withdrawal from access to the academy's IT system (Network Manager under SLT instruction). See E Safety/Acceptable use policy

7. Behaviour Watch (BW)

7.1 This is an online system where staff are expected to report any incident of behaviour that is not conducive to successful learning. It acts as a 'real time' diary style facility. It can also track non sanction actions, interventions or contacts made to parents for information.

8. Parental Contact

8.1 Parents will be notified of their children's behaviour and attitude – both positive and negative – by the academy on a regular basis. Staff may keep students behind after 3pm if they deem it necessary to sanction or discuss a student's behaviour and the law does not require us to notify parents of this. However, if a student is required to stay in school for a longer period of time – for example, for a 30 or 60 minute detention - as part of our normal practice, parents will receive a text message, phone call or email, as appropriate. It is, therefore, essential that the academy holds the most up-to-date contact information for all parents and carers. It is parents' responsibility to notify the academy at the earliest opportunity of any changes to contact details.

8.2 Occasionally, when students display extreme behaviour or refuse to comply, it may be necessary to contact parents/carers and request that they attend the academy to support with the behaviour of their child. In extreme cases and where the support of the parent cannot be obtained, the academy will seek the support of external services, including the police.

9.0 Detentions

9.1 Detentions are used as a sanction by the academy and may be set by any member of staff. The intention is that they act as a deterrent to discourage pupils from choosing poor behaviour or where they are not meeting the high curriculum standards expected of them in order to achieve the outcomes of which we know they are capable. Detentions are also designed to provide periods of reflection time during which pupils can come to the realisation



that poor decision making has consequences. Having chosen to send their child to SCHA, we expect and value parental support in upholding the values of the academy through such sanctions. Any academy staff member may set a detention at break, lunchtime or the end of the school day. Where a lunchtime detention is set, staff will allow reasonable time for the student to eat, drink and use the toilet. Academy staff have the legal power to issue detentions to pupils under the age of 18. Parental consent is not required but parents will be informed of their child's whereabouts from a safeguarding point of view if it is to be outside of the regular school day times for a longer period of time (for example, more than 10 minutes at the end of the school day). Where an after school detention is set, parents and carers will be notified by text message, and telephone call where possible, to allow alternative after school arrangements to be made for their child, should they need to do so. Where alternative arrangements need to be made, it does not matter if making these arrangements is inconvenient for the parent or carer. **Rearranging a detention will only be done in the most exceptional of circumstances as agreed by the Principal**, not as a matter of routine, not because of medical appointments, not because students need to collect younger siblings and not because it causes inconvenience to parents and carers.

9.2 Whole school daily Reflection

This is held each day from 3pm-4pm. If a pupil is referred for this sanction then they will complete it on the day that it is set.

- Any academy staff member can refer a pupil for this sanction and this staff member will inform the pupil that they are in the sanction, record the incident on Behaviour Watch and inform parents via text and telephone call
- Failure to attend Reflection will require students in SLT detention the following evening (see below for details of SLT detention)
- Poor behaviour in Reflection will result in ISE (see 9.0)
- Alternative sanctions may be implemented for students who receive repeated Reflection detentions over a period of time

9.3 Senior Leadership Team (SLT) detention

If a student fails to attend Reflection, an SLT detention will be set. Where a student's behaviour has been more extreme or a student has not responded to Reflections previously issued, the pastoral team may bypass Reflection and issue an SLT detention immediately. SLT detentions are held as soon as is practicable and usually the day after the misdemeanour/missed Reflection occurred. SLT detention takes place from 3pm-5pm. Parents/carers will be informed prior to this sanction being set. Failure to attend this will result in a day of Internal School Exclusion (ISE), see 10.0 below, the following day that they are in the academy.

10.0 ISE (In School Exclusion)

This facility is used in order to withdraw students from their mainstream lessons as a result of serious one-off incidents, continued non-compliance, truancy or a student's persistent poor behaviour. If a student is placed in ISE, parents will be notified. The times of the school day in ISE are 9.30am-4.00pm. The pastoral team will make the decision as to whether a



student is placed into ISE, for what length of time and the conditions that they follow whilst in ISE. The times of break and lunch for those students in ISE is decided upon by the pastoral team. If poor behaviour continues, further sanctions may be deployed by the Pastoral team or members of SLT. Students will be given clear instructions as to their attitude and work rate. A daily report will be written for each student to show how they have behaved and worked. Failure to behave in ISE will result in the sanction being repeated the following day that the student is in school.

11. Fixed Period Exclusions

11.1 A fixed period exclusion is where a student is directed not to be on the main academy site for a period of between 1 and 5 days as a result of more serious poor behaviour or as a result of continual non-compliance with academy rules. Fixed period exclusions may take place either at home or in the academy Internal School Exclusion unit, as the Principal deems appropriate. If a student is issued with a Fixed Period Internal Exclusion, they will be expected to adhere to the rules of our in-school exclusion unit (see 10.0). If a student receives a Fixed Period External Exclusion, it is the parents' responsibility to make sure their child isn't in a public place during normal school hours. If a student is placed on a fixed period exclusion, parents will be notified by telephone and letter. The following are examples of behaviours which may lead to a fixed period exclusion, but is not an exhaustive list. Some of the following behaviours could also result in permanent exclusion:

- Swearing at a member of staff
- Damage to school or personal property/theft
- Being in possession of banned items
- Sexual misconduct
- Racism
- Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour to staff or students
- Refusal to comply
- Behaviour that persistently disrupts the learning of others
- Physical assault
- Bullying

11.2 After a student has been placed on a fixed period exclusion there must be a "return to academy" meeting before the student is permitted back onto the main academy site. This will usually be with the student, parents, relevant Director of Year (DoY) and a member of SLT. If a student receives multiple fixed period exclusions, a meeting will be held between student, parents and senior academy staff, which may include an academy Director, to discuss the student's future at the academy. Alternative arrangements for a student's education may be made. For example, the Academy may choose to use an external educational provider if they see this as appropriate. A managed move to another local school may also be mutually agreed.

12. Permanent exclusion

This can occur as the result of a single severe act, an accumulation of acts over a period of time, or receiving multiple fixed period exclusions in the course of a single academic year.



See the Academy's 'Exclusion policy.'

13. Progress into Year 8 or Year 9

13.1 The Academy reserves the right to 'hold back' students from one year to another based on their poor behavior, attitude or persistent non-compliance. This will normally be from progression between Year 7 and Year 8, or Year 8 and 9 but could be used between other year groups if it is felt necessary.

13.2 The details of the curriculum that each student will follow will be confirmed to meet their specific need and will be determined by senior members of the pastoral team.

14. Reasonable Force

14.1 We will attempt to avoid physical force in any circumstance within the academy. However, this may be deemed necessary in particular situations. The academy will use the recommendations set out in the Department of Education 'Use of Reasonable Force' guidance which relates to the Education Act 1996 and the Education and Inspections Act 2006. Details are in the Hatton Academy Trust 'Physical Force and Personal Restraint' policy.

15. Searching Students

15.1 The Academy may choose to search a pupil if they suspect that a pupil may be in possession of any items that are set out as banned within this policy. The search will be conducted with a member of SLT present and at least one other member of the academy staff. This member of staff will usually (but not exclusively) be a member of the pastoral team. There must always be at least two members of staff present conducting the search, one of which will always be of the same gender to that of the student being searched. The search will be conducted within a room, rather than a public or communal area within the Academy and every attempt will be made for the process to be carried out in a discreet and sensitive manner.

15.2 A student's possessions will be placed on an open surface. Outer items of clothing such as coats, jackets, blazers, jumpers, footwear and bags may be removed from a pupil's person so that they can be openly searched. Pupils may be asked to show the contents of items of clothing next to their body; for example, turning out pockets, rolling down skirts and showing the waistbands of trousers or skirts.

15.3 The academy will use the recommendations set out in the Department of Education 'Searching, Screening and Confiscation' as guidance and exemplified in the Hatton Academies Trust 'Searching Pupils and Confiscating Pupils' Property' policy.

15.4 For suspected banned items (see 15 below), the academy may ask the police or community police support officer to be present.



16. Banned items

16.1 The following items should not be brought into school. If they are, and found in the possession of a pupil, or suspected to have been brought into school by a pupil, then it is likely that one of the sanctions previously listed in this document will be applied. Any banned items found on a pupil will be confiscated and will not be returned.

This list is not exhaustive:

- Knives / weapons / an implement that has been fashioned into a weapon/tools that could be used as a weapon
- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs
- 'Legal highs'
- Pornographic images
- Stolen items
- Tobacco and associated paraphernalia (for example but not exclusively: tobacco, electronic cigarettes, accelerants & solvents, matches, lighter, roll up, papers, cigarettes)
- Fireworks / pyrotechnics

17. Electronic devices

17.1 The term 'electronic devices' covers: mobile phones, tablets, laptops, cameras and any other device that can capture visual or audio imagery. Such devices should not be out, used or visible during lesson times by pupils. The academy allows pupils to bring electronic devices into the academy at their own risk. However, it does not permit them to be used to take visual or audio recordings of staff, students or visitors unless there is a clear and agreed reason to do so. The academy will deal with bullying and harassment using electronic devices in accordance with this policy, the e-safety/acceptable use policy and the anti-bullying policy.

18. Inclusion

18.1 The Learning Zone is to support our students. In being prepared for learning it also supports students who find keeping to normal school patterns and procedures difficult as the result of special needs. This is staffed by a dedicated team of support staff and teachers. For some students that have a range of needs that require support from different agencies, it may be appropriate to assess those needs by using the Early Help Assessment (EHA). A variety of other agencies may also be involved. Parents/Carers will be consulted and informed of such matters.



19. Rewards

19.1 We believe that good behaviour should be recognised and celebrated, along with a range of other aspects of being a successful student at SCHA. The rewards system aims to do this and should be used by staff at least as much as the sanctions system.

19.2 Students receive rewards for a wide range of successes and achievements. The system relies on the full involvement and implementation by all staff.

20. Celebrating the achievement of all groups of students

20.1 The following are examples of how we celebrate achievements:

- Staff nominate students as their 'Student of the Day'
- Each week, a student is identified as an excellent ambassador for the academy and awarded 'Student of the Week'
- Certificates are given for good attendance
- Departments send home postcards to parents, make praise phone calls and send positive emails to parents & carers
- Directors of Year, form tutors, and senior staff send home letters of congratulations and organise celebration events
- There are presentations in assemblies
- Some students feature in the academy magazine
- Rewards evenings occur annually to celebrate the successes of each year group

21. Our commitment to working with students

21.1 Students are consulted about the principles informing this policy and the details of the rewards and consequences. We believe that if students (e.g. the student council) are involved in the policy there is greater ownership of the academy's approach and greater success for all. Skills for learning and working with others form part of our PSHE too.

21.2 The behaviour policy is discussed with students in assemblies and small groups. The Hatton Academy Voice (HAV) and Peer Support teams will also discuss the policy and its effectiveness. We aim for all students to be aware of the policy through a fair but appropriate treatment of students who disrupt learning and by celebration of success. We also undertake questionnaires with regards to bullying and behaviour which are completed by groups as well as the school community in order to inform our policies.

21.3 Students entering the academy in Year 7 as a whole year group, or joining the academy individually at other times are inducted into the behaviour policy. This is the responsibility of the Director of Year. Parents and students sign the Home-Academy Agreement to support this.

21.4 Students who do not have the necessary understanding or skills will receive a carefully planned approach. In some cases this may mean that the student has a modified programme of learning and framework of consequences. This may involve the student



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having an agreed means of removing themselves from situations where tensions are escalating. This will only be agreed by a member of SLT, Director of Year and/or SENCO. The detail of this plan will be communicated to staff involved with the student.

22. Our commitment to working with parent and carers

22.1 Sir Christopher Hatton Academy has produced this policy in consultation with parents and pupils. It is available on our website and on request from the academy. As the agreed policy it is expected that parents and carers will support us in enforcing this policy and ensuring the highest standards of behaviour for learning and discipline in the academy. In choosing Sir Christopher Hatton Academy and as part of the Home-Academy Agreement all parents and carers have indicated their support for this policy. If parents/carers have any concerns about how their son/daughter has been treated or the policy enforced they should contact the academy and try to resolve the issue with staff. In the event of any issue not being resolved the Hatton Academies Trust complaints procedure should be followed.

23. New Media

23.1 See the Hatton Academies Trust E-safety & Acceptable Use Policy & Mobile Devices policy.