

Ark Academy Sixth Form Six

All students sign a learning agreement when they enroll at Ark Academy Sixth Form.

The agreement details what you can expect from us and what we expect from you.

In general, there are **six things** we expect of you during your time here:

Number 1

Embrace the challenge

Sixth Form is a step up from secondary school. The content of your courses will be more challenging than GCSE. This means you'll be required to think more and do more in lessons and in your own time than you did in Year 11. It's not going to be easy but nothing worth having ever is.

Number 2

Attend all lessons, on time, all the time

It's simple – students who are in school get the most out of it. This means attending all subject lessons, tutor times, assemblies, meetings and activities *on time all the time*.

Attendance and punctuality will be monitored by the sixth form team and appropriate action will be taken for any student whose attendance or punctuality is unsatisfactory. **Holidays, visits or appointments booked in term time will not be authorised**

Number 3

Be respectful of the academy environment

We are lucky to have use of a brand new building. It is your responsibility to care for it. Only eat in designated areas. Always dispose of litter in the appropriate bin. Tuck chairs under and switch off the lights when you leave a room.

Number 4

Be independent

Whilst Sixth Form staff will go above and beyond to help you, we believe that "your future is in your hands". This means we expect you to take responsibility for your learning and progress; plan and use your study periods wisely, use ICT responsibly, seek help from your teacher or tutors when you are struggling and be responsive to their feedback.

Number 5

Complete all assignments to the best of your ability

Be organised and keep to the deadlines set by your teachers. To do this, you'll need to be prepared for each and every lesson – keeping a well organised folder and writing down the pre-work, homework and revision tasks you've been set. If you are having difficulty meeting a deadline or managing your workload, **speak to your teachers in advance**. Remember: successful A-level students average at least 4 hours homework and private study per subject, per week.

Number 6

Conduct yourself professionally

We expect the highest standards of behaviour in lessons and around the academy. You must set the tone for younger students at all times by showing respect and courtesy to staff, visitors and each other in lessons, around the school, outside of school and in your written communication. Additionally, students should look professional and 'interview-ready' at all times. The final opinion of what is deemed appropriate for interview falls with Sixth Form staff. If your attire is not appropriate you will be asked to adjust your dress or to go home to change.

