

Ark Academy Sixth Form Home School Commitment

At Ark Academy we expect every Sixth Former to strive for academic excellence and to experience and enjoy a range of enriching opportunities in a diversity of areas such as music, sport, performance and community liaison. We want to support our young people so that they may become independent thinkers who have the knowledge, skills, character and interests that will enable them to go on to university and secure the career of their choice.

Our core values at Ark Academy Sixth Form are Civitas, Excellence, Participation and Persistence

The core commitments of Ark Academy Sixth Formers:

- I will strive for excellence in all I do
- I will complete all assignments to the very best of my ability and meet all deadlines set
- I will engage with my learning at all times
- I will take risks when studying as I understand that mistakes are integral to learning
- I will come to all lessons, assemblies, tutorials and registrations on time, all the time and every day
- I will always follow the absence and punctuality procedures and accept that if I do not do so, I will face sanctions as set out in the Sixth Form handbook
- I will be fully equipped and prepared to learn in every lesson
- I will never distract or prevent myself or others from learning
- I will listen carefully and follow the instructions of staff at the first time of asking
- I will speak and act kindly and respectfully to others at all times
- I will carry my identity card at all times
- I will keep my mobile phone hidden and turned off at all times, where required
- I will always wear smart and professional dress as detailed in the Sixth Form handbook
- I will respect and care for our academy building and all property belonging to the academy and that of others
- I will act as a role model in all that I say and do so that the good name of Ark Academy is upheld and maintained
- I will commit to participate in a range of activities beyond the classroom
- I will accept and act on all feedback with a view to always improve and master my subjects and develop my character
- I will adhere to the rules of 'responsible use of ICT' as outlined in the Sixth Form handbook
- I will accept help, guidance or support, be that academic or pastoral, when offered it and understand that Ark Academy will make decisions in my best interests including around my subject choices and exam entries
- I will attend school for all calendared dates and times and commit to contributing and supporting the school's ethos, curriculum programme and activities. Should I not do so without good reason, I accept that my place at Ark Academy may be forfeited.
- I will uphold the core values of Ark Academy and the fundamental British values of democracy, rule of law and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

The core commitments of parents and carers of Ark Academy Sixth Formers:

- We will fully support Ark Academy’s ethos and vision, in particular the expectation that my child will make informed and aspirational life choices
- We will ensure that our child attends school every day, is punctual and is equipped and prepared for learning and achieves a minimum of 95% attendance
- We will fully support Ark Academy’s expectations of Sixth Form’ dress and appearance
- We will fully support fully our child to complete all assignments to the very best of their ability and meet all deadlines set
- We will inform Ark Academy about reasons for absence every time they occur and never take holidays in term time
- We will keep Ark Academy informed about any pastoral or academic matters, issues or concerns
- We will attend all parents’ evenings and other appointments
- We will always be respectful to the teachers of Ark Academy and all other members of our community
- We will ensure that our parent pay account is always in credit
- We will act as role models for our children and demonstrate the need to persist and remain patient
- We will support the core values of Ark Academy and the fundamental British values of democracy, rule of law and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

The core commitments of Ark Academy staff for our Sixth Formers:

- We will create a well-ordered and safe environment where learning can take place
- We will never label any student and always maintain the highest of expectations for all
- We will plan and teach stimulating and challenging lessons which help every student secure the very highest grades
- We will regularly set and mark assignments and assessment
- We will provide purposeful and constructive feedback which helps you redraft and improve
- We will keep Sixth Form students regularly informed regularly about their progress
- We will praise and reward all achievement and effort
- We will meet and plan for the individual needs of every Sixth Form student
- We will keep parents and carers regularly informed regularly about their child’s progress;
- We will offer a wide range of opportunities to participate in activities beyond the curriculum
- We will guide and advise you on your career and university plans so that you can make considered and aspirational choices about your future
- We will welcome and respond to any feedback and involvement from Sixth Form students and parents or carers
- We will act as role models who demonstrate the patience and persistence required of successful people
- We will always be respectful to both Sixth Form students and their parents or carers
- We will educate all Sixth Form students about our core values and the fundamental British values of democracy, rule of law and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

Signed by student:		Date	
Signed by parent/carer:		Date	
Signed by Sixth Form SLT:		Date	