



# St Augustine's Catholic College

## Home-College Agreement – Key Stage 3

The Home-/College Agreement has been set out by the Governing Body of St Augustine's Catholic College in consultation with the Head Teacher, staff, parents and students. The agreement will be regularly reviewed.

This policy is used in conjunction with the Behaviour for Learning Policy, a copy of which can be viewed in the main office and on the College website. The simplified Code of Conduct is clearly outlined in the Student Planner, a copy of which is carried by every student.

### **The College Mission Statement states:**

*“St Augustine's is a Catholic College which embraces the gospel values of Jesus Christ in its everyday life and work.*

*“It is a learning community which seeks the highest standards of excellence whilst remaining committed to valuing each individual and their gifts.*

*“Our aim is to help each person achieve their potential and become equipped for an adult life of service to others.”*

The Governors acknowledge that parents play a vital role in fostering good behavioural attitudes and this cannot be over emphasized. Students in Key Stage 3 will be given homework as outlined in the Student Planner

Year 7	30 minutes per subject
Year 8	35 minutes per subject
Year 9	40 minutes per subject

Parents are asked to oversee homework and to sign the student planner once a week.

Parents will receive feedback through exercise books, the student planner, regular communication, monthly newsletters, reports and parent/teacher consultation evenings with constant access to the Parent Gateway on the College website. In addition parents should always feel that they can make an appointment to visit the College to speak to their child's Pastoral Director should any problems arise. Should it be required, a Complaints Policy is in place and this can be viewed on the college website.

This agreement outlines the school's expectations of parents and pupils, and sets out what we promise to do, as a school body, to ensure that all students are given the best possible chance of a good education and enjoyable school years.

### **The School**

We, as a school, promise to:

- do everything in our power to care for your child's safety and happiness
- work hard and work with you to ensure that your child achieves their full potential
- make sure that every child feels like they are a valued member of our school community, by promoting our Christian ethos based on Gospel values; care, respect, inclusion, and equality
- provide a balanced curriculum adjusted to meet the individual needs of your child
- instil a sense of independence and social responsibility in your child so that they can progress confidently through school and continue to do so after they leave
- help your child to achieve high standards of work and provide the support that they need to progress as they should academically
- keep an open line of communication between you and the school, ensuring you are well informed of general developments within school and of your child's progress

- take all concerns that you might have seriously and be open to discussion, supporting you as a parent however you may need
- provide you with plenty of opportunities to become involved in the daily life of the school and your child's development.

**Parents**

I, as a parent or carer, promise to:

- ensure that my child attends school regularly (please refer to the college attendance policy on the college website)
- ensure that my child reaches school on time, properly dressed, rested, fed, and equipped for the school day
- inform the college each day that the child is absent (see attendance policy)
- be open with the school and communicate any concerns that I have, as well as any knowledge that I have of problems or issues that may affect my child's work or behaviour
- operate in support of all of the school's policies, the school ethos, and code of conduct, and set a good example to my child
- engage with the school in terms of my child's progress and development, attending parents evenings and meetings when it is required or requested.

**Pupils**

I, as a pupil at St Augustine's Catholic College, promise to;

- ensure that I am at school regularly and on time, dressed smartly and in line with the school uniform guidelines, with the right equipment for the day ahead
- respect my peers, staff, and all other members of the school community
- respect the authority of school staff and follow any instructions that they give me
- act in line with all school policies and behave in accordance with the school behaviour policy
- respect the school building and the environment, making sure that I clean up after myself and do not litter
- take responsibility for my actions
- be polite and helpful at all times, make all visitors to the school feel welcome, and support and look out for all my fellow pupils.

We invite parents and pupils to sign this document as a declaration of their support of this agreement, and the promise to adhere to the guidelines and rules set out by the school. Parents and pupils who do not sign this are not exempt from normal school rules.

**Signed by:**

**Name**.....

**Signature**.....

**Date:**

Parent/carer of:

**Name:** .....

**Signature:** .....

**Date:**