Dear Student

**Student Agreement 2017/18**

Welcome to New College and to the start of your life as a college student. Our main aim during your time with us is to ensure that you achieve academic success, and to help with this we will provide you with strong support along the way.

You are joining a happy college with oustanding provision as recognised by Ofsted, a strong culture of work and motivation, but with plenty of opportunities to make new friends and try new activities in our Enrichment programme.

Our learning values and some important messages sum up what will be expected of you. We would like you to read below and agree so together we can create the conditions for your success.

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| ***Six Week Probationary Period***  ***The first six weeks as a student of New College is a probationary period. During this period, if your progress, attendance or behaviour is of serious concern, the Principal reserves the right to take appropriate action, which might include (but is not exhaustive)***   * ***Withdrawal from college*** * ***Extension of the probationary period*** * ***Change of courses or subjects***   ***Any decision to withdraw will follow a documented meeting with you and notification to parents/carers.*** |

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| **A-Level Students** | **BTEC Students** | **One-Year Re-sit Students** |
| * On completion of your summer directed independent learning activity (SDILA), initial assessment and September assessment, your Progress Tutor will review your progress and discuss whether you are on the right courses for you to be successful. | * On completion of your summer initial BTEC assignment and your introductory module your Progress Tutor will review your progress and discuss whether you are on the right courses to be successful. | * As stated in the six-week probationary period above. |

**Our Learning Values**

1. **Work Motivation**

Successful and outstanding students match the time spent in the classroom with independent study outside of the classroom. This will include using your directed study time in college and extra hours at home.

1. **Achievement Focus**

Successful and outstanding students never lose focus on their target grades and see them as a minimum starting point to be used as a springboard for greater success. They work with teachers and tutors to agree high expectations.

1. **Self-Discipline**

Successful and outstanding students organise their lives to ensure that all work is completed by deadlines. They manage a balance between academic study and leisure and social activities.

1. **Commitment**

Successful and outstanding students agree a course of study with the college and stick to it; they realise that sometimes the work will be challenging but are not put off by this and understand that their commitment to their courses must be sustained right through until the end of the year. Attendance at all subject lessons, weekly tutorials, TAPs, and EPQ (Y13) are compulsory.

1. **Organisation**

Successful and outstanding students attend every lesson, arriving on time with the right equipment. They apply this organisation to their exam timetable, making several copies, checking it carefully, arriving promptly and adhering to exam board regulations and invigilators’ instructions.

1. **Adult Interaction and Behaviour**

Successful and outstanding students see staff and parents as partners in their learning and understand that all parties are committed to their success.

This also applies to behaviour and communication on social networking sites. Any attempt to damage the reputation of the college, or any members of our community will represent a breach of your learning agreement with us and will be treated very seriously.

1. **Participation**

Successful and outstanding students get involved at every level – in class discussions, group tasks and in the wider life of the college.

1. **Self-Responsibility**

Successful and outstanding students take responsibility, demonstrate positive attitudes and show respect for all members of the college community.

**Important Messages**

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| 1. **Course Changes**   Students have until ‘13 October’ to change courses. Progress Tutors will lead the process which will involve the completion of the SDILA and initial assessment. This is also subject to subject specific entry requirements being met and places available on the course.   1. **Study Programmes**   After the course change deadline ’13October’ all students **must** remain on all subjects for the remainder of the two years. After this date this is non-negotiable if you are to remain a full-time student at the college.  Please note: Students starting the year on four subjects will need to commit to continuing on all  four subjects for the two years by this date.   1. **GCSE English and Maths**   Any students who are re-sitting GCSE English and Maths, must understand that these subjects will take priority over other subjects and attendance and commitment will be reviewed on a regular basis.   1. **Holidays in term time**   Under no circumstances should holidays be taken during term time. This includes ensuring you are available on 28 August 2018 if you are required to resit any of your Y12 exams allowing you to progress to Y13. |

**Student Agreement**

I have read the New College Learning Values and will adhere to all of them.

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