



Student & Parent / Carer Learning Agreement

All Sixth Form students and their Parents/Carers are required to read and agree to the following Learning Agreement.

Student Details

Student First Name: _____

Student Surname: _____

Tutor Group: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Full Address (inc Postcode):

Time spent at this address: _____

Parent / Carer Details

Parent / Carer Name: _____

Purpose of this Agreement

This agreement sets out the expectations and responsibilities of students enrolled on a **DfE funded 16-19 study programme**.

The guidance for 16-19 funding places clear requirements on student's **attendance, engagement and completion of planned learning hours**.

The John of Gaunt Sixth Former Strives to be an Independent and Responsible Learner by...

At The John of Gaunt Sixth Form, students are expected to further develop independence, responsibility and resilience.

Students agree to:

- Aim for **100% attendance and punctuality**
- **Attend all lessons, tutor times and PEC commitments punctually**
- Engage fully in all planned learning activities
- Attend school for the **whole day in Year 12**
- Earn **Home Study privileges in Year 13 in line** with the Sixth Form Conduct
- Communicate and plan responsibly for any known absences. Parents need to authorise any absence by 9.15am and any subsequent day.
- Use study periods **effectively**
- Ask for help when needed and **learn from mistakes**
- Embrace the opportunities of the **Personalised Extended Curriculum (PEC)** and the **Employable Skills Programme (ESP)**
- Complete all set work, meet deadlines and **read around subjects**
- Use a range of **independent learning strategies**
- Follow the **Sixth Form dress code** and set a positive example within the school and wider community
- Students will take qualifications that will be studied over the two-year programme starting in Year 12 and ending in term 6 of Year 13
- Students studying STEM subjects will have external exams in Year 12
- Students are expected to engage fully for the full length of the study programme.
- If any element of the programme ends early (for example, early achievement of English or Maths GCSE), students will be required to take part in **alternative meaningful activity** as directed by the Sixth Form.
- Some courses may require textbooks, resources or trips. Subject teachers will be able to advise students about these. Students faced with financial difficulties may be entitled to the 16-19 Bursary (details of which can be found on our website)

Poor attendance and persistent lateness may:

- Jeopardise success on the programme
- Lead to invention under the Sixth Form Attendance Policy
- Impact the Sixth Form's ability to claim funding legitimately
- Lead to students having to pay for their exam entries where attendance falls below 85% and is unsupported by written medical evidence or extenuating circumstances outlined by specialists from outside agencies

Parents and Carers understand that their child is enrolled on a government funded course which means attendance is a requirement, not a choice. Parents and Carers recognise the importance of supporting students in meeting these expectations.

Our Teachers Support Students by...

Teachers at The John of Gaunt Sixth Form support students by:

- Preparing lessons and setting work for known absences

- Sharing curriculum overviews and checklists so students understand what they have missed
- Providing structured guidance on how to use independent study time effectively
- Regularly setting and marking formal work to be completed during private study periods
- Providing access to **Post-16 academic mentors** to support independent learning
- Being approachable and supportive in helping students achieve their best

Behaviour and Conduct

Students agree to:

- Follow the **Sixth Form Code of Conduct**
- Treat staff and other students based on our values of kindness, positivity and belonging
- Act responsibly as senior members of the school community
- Behave in a way that reflects positively on The John of Gaunt School
- Wear your Lanyard at all times
- Use your mobile phone, smart watches, headphones and earphones **only** within the Sixth Form area.

Parents and Carers support the Sixth Form in maintaining high standards of behaviour and conduct.

Sixth Form Commitments

The Sixth Form commits to:

- Delivering a planned, funded study programme that meets the DfE requirements
- Providing guidance, teaching and supervision appropriate to the programme
- Supporting students to complete their planned hours to achieve positive outcomes
- Making reasonable adjustments where appropriate and lawful

Student Agreement

I confirm that I have read and understood **The John of Gaunt Sixth Form Learning Agreement** and agree to meet the expectations outlined above.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent / Carer Agreement

I confirm that I have read and understood **The John of Gaunt Sixth Form Learning Agreement** and will support my child in meeting the expectations outlined above.

Parent / Carer Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____