



LAURUS
RYECROFT

Behaviour Policy

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Our vision is for every student, regardless of background or circumstance to achieve the grades and develop the qualities which will open the door to the future of their choice”

Our Aims are:

- 1. To make learning our first priority**
- 2. To ensure all students are safe and able to learn**
- 3. To ensure that everyone is challenged and supported to be the best that they can be**

Behaviour at Laurus Ryecroft

At Laurus Ryecroft our climate is calm, positive, optimistic and respectful. We have a learning and success culture where achievement and effort are rewarded; where all are challenged to do their best and where all are valued and respected.

Our *Behaviour policy* is designed to support this aim. The basis of our policy is positive: we wish to “catch students being good” and reward them for it. However, on occasions, students may behave inappropriately.

Students are responsible for their own behaviour. Consequences will result from their choices – be this rewards or sanctions.

Students, parents/carers and school staff share the responsibility to ensure that learning is not disrupted due to bad behaviour. The Home School Agreement details more information.

We do not tolerate anti-social behaviour in any form. However, we realise that such behaviour could be attributed to a combination of inter-related factors. Therefore, we will work closely with the student and parents/carers to develop strategies which can be adopted by both home and school to help the student overcome his/her problems within a consistent and secure environment.

All admissions, other than Year 7 intake, will require a meeting with the Head of School. The Home School Agreement must be signed at this meeting by all parties.

Respect for learning

A **Actions**

B **Bring**

C **Consequences**

Rewards

At Laurus Ryecroft we believe that effort and achievement should be recognised. Through the Rewards Policy we aim to motivate and praise students for their effort, participation and achievement both individually and within their House.

Every student will be placed in a House with other students from different year groups. House Points will be awarded to all students from Year 7 to 11. All students will receive individual points but they will also share responsibility for generating points towards their House totals.

House Events

There will be a timetabled schedule of House events being run in school over the course of the year. Each subject area within school will organise events so that there will be opportunities for all students to participate. This will culminate with Sports Day in the summer.

The winning House and runners up for each event will receive House Points:

1 st place	1000 House Points
2 nd place	500 House Points
3 rd place	250 House Points
4 th place	125 House Points

Individual Achievement

House Points can be awarded to individual students for reasons such as:

Excellent classwork/homework	1 House Point
Excellent effort/improvement	1 House Point
Act of kindness	2 House Points
Postcard / department or HOY	25 House Points
Badges (see below)	50 House Points
KASH Reward	50 House Points
Cicero (vocabulary/discussion/verbal answers)	2 House Points

House competitions in class:

1 st place	20 House Points
2 nd place	10 House Points
3 rd place	5 House Points

All students participating in House competitions and events will receive 5 House Points each.

Praise Postcards

Praise postcards will be sent home for exceptional work, behaviour and attitude. Students will also be awarded 25 House Points per postcard.

Attendance

- 100% attendance per week 10 House Points

Behaviour

- No B/C sanctions in a week 10 House Points

Messages will also be sent home, informing parents/carers if a student has 100% attendance in a week, or does not receive any B/C sanctions this will also result in a combined 20 house points.

Additional Rewards

- Subject teachers will reward good and outstanding work with stickers, stamps and other department rewards.
- Leavers' Ball for Year 11 students
- Rewards assemblies, which celebrate student success both in lessons as well as attendance
- Rewards trips

School Badges

The following badges are awarded for outstanding achievement in the following areas:

Black	Academic Excellence	Orange	Engagement
Green	100% attendance	Navy Blue	Citizenship
Pink	Art	Silver + Pound Sign	Enterprise
Lime Green	Computing	Mid Blue	English
White + Purple Logo	Beliefs and Values	White + Green Logo	Geography
Green, purple and white	History	Yellow	Maths
Lilac	Media	Purple	MFL
Silver	Performing Arts	Red	PE
Satin Silver	Spoken Language	Turquoise	Science
Ice Blue	Technology	Grey	Behaviour 4 Learning
Estates	Gold	Music	Pink
Bicycle Logo	Cycle to School	Green Glitter	HOY

The Winning House

All points will be collected towards the end of the Summer Term and the House with the most points overall, will receive the House Cup.

Students with the highest individual points total within each House will also be recognised for their contribution by their Head of House.

Behaviour for Learning

- We will monitor closely 'Behaviour for Learning' in lessons. This will involve; how well equipped students are; how quickly they start their work and how they continue to work throughout lessons. Additional rewards will be given to students who show consistently good 'Behaviour for Learning'. We will record instances where we believe that a student's behaviour for learning is preventing them from making good progress. This will allow the Heads of Houses to put intervention strategies in place and alert parents/carers to this at an early stage. Students who receive five or more Bs in any week will receive a 30 minute lunch time detention.

Behaviour for Learning

B4L



READY

- On time
- All equipment
- Completed PP&R



SET

- In your place
- Equipment out
- No talking
- Actively listening



GO

- Start task immediately
- Stay on task
- Don't give up
- Complete PP&R
- Go the extra mile



A	Actions
B	Bring
C	Consequences

Sanctions

Sanctions will be applied in line with the consequence system outlined below. Where possible the consequences system will be recorded on the whiteboard in the teaching area.

- C1** Formal warning after students have been verbally told about their behaviour. This will be recorded on the board where possible.
- C2** This will be issued if there is no improvement following a C1. This will be recorded on the board. A 10 minute detention will be issued with the subject teacher. The event will be recorded electronically. A C2 will also be issued for failing to complete PP&R.
- C3** This will be used if there is no improvement following a C2. This will be recorded on the board. A 30 minute detention will be issued with the subject teacher. This event will be recorded electronically. Students who receive an in class C3 will be placed on report. A C3 can also be issued immediately for out of class behaviours and for failing to complete PP&R a second time.
- C4** This will be used if there is still no improvement. The student will be removed from the lesson, within the department, and issued with a one hour after school detention. A phone call home will be made. The event will be recorded electronically. A restorative meeting will take place prior to returning to the classroom. A C4 can also be issued immediately for out of class behaviours or for failing to complete PP+R a third time.
- C5** Serious incident – the event will be recorded electronically. A serious incident will normally result in temporary withdrawn study or a fixed term or permanent suspension.

If a student receives 3 or more C2+ in class within 1 week they will also receive a 60 minute detention after school.

If a student in KS4 receives 3 or more C2+ for PP+R within 1 week they will also receive an invite to a 60 minute 'Study Hub' intervention after school. If a student in KS3 receives 2 or more C2+ for PP+R within 1 week they will also receive an invite to a 60 minute 'Study Hub' intervention after school.

Detentions are held each day. Repeat offences and serious incidents will result in a 90 minute leadership detention on either Tuesday or Friday.

Students who challenge a consequence will automatically be escalated to the next level.

CONSEQUENCES

C1	Formal warning
C2	10 minute detention
C3	30 minute detention
C4	Removal from lesson (60 minute detention)
C5	Serious incident (90 minute detention)

- Remember 3 x C2+ in 1 week is an additional 1 hour detention
- C1 – C5s cannot be ‘earned back’ as a result of good behaviour later in the lesson.
- It is acceptable for teachers to send students out of the lesson for a very short time to ‘calm down’. This need not necessarily be a C4. It may be recorded at a lower level.
- Students do not necessarily need to progress from C2 – C5.
- More serious incidents can be entered directly as C3 or C5 as appropriate. Off Site Directives may be used, in conjunction with parents, as an additional strategy.
- If a student in KS4 receives 3 or more C2+ for PP+R within 1 week they will also receive an invite to a 60 minute ‘Study Hub’ intervention after school. If a student in KS3 receives 2 or more C2+ for PP+R within 1 week they will also receive an invite to a 60 minute ‘Study Hub’ intervention after school.

Report Cards

There will be three levels of report card, shown below as well as a HOH report and a positive lesson report card

- Green – Form Tutor
- Amber – Head of Year
- Red – Leadership Team
- Blue - HOH
- White - Positive

Reports will be used to monitor aspects of behaviour, punctuality, attitude and PP+R. Heads of House may place students on report when issues concerning progress have been raised.

Detentions

- Students who arrive late to school will be required to report to the pastoral team at break time for a detention. Failure to complete a break time detention will result in a lunch time detention, failure to complete this detention will result in an after-school detention.

- Students who receive 3 or more C2+ in any one week will receive an after-school detention of one hour. Further action will be taken against repeat offenders e.g. report card, parental meetings.
- A restorative talk with the teacher will take as part of the C2s and C3s detention.
- Out of class behaviour and wearing of uniform incorrectly are both sanctioned with a C3.
- 60 minute detentions will run every day after school. Leadership detentions are on Tuesdays and Fridays are 90 minutes.
- If students fail to attend a C3 detention they will attend a detention for 60 minutes after school. Students may also be placed into Leadership detention (90 minutes on Friday) for more serious incidents.
- If students fail to attend the Leadership detention they will be withdrawn from classes on Wednesday/Monday and have their social times taken away. Reintegration work will be completed and the detention will be completed after school the same day. Failing to complete reintegration may result in suspension.
- Students who are off premises, without permission, at break and lunchtime will be sanctioned accordingly and may be subject to risk assessments
- Any incidents of misbehaviour or misconduct which occurs out of school or in the local community; on the journey to and from school, including school buses and public transport. This also includes theft from our local shops and fighting will result in appropriate sanctions.

Restorative Approach

Members of staff and students may be requested to engage in a restorative approach in order to resolve incidents of conflict. Our restorative approaches aim to promote a calm, respectful and an orderly environment within school. Members of staff and students may request a restorative meeting in order to resolve concerns/conflict. Restorative meetings begin to take place from C1 level. Students who receive a C4 (in class) may be removed from the next lesson while a restorative conversation takes place. Restorative conversation may also involve our school police officers.

Withdrawn from study / social time

As part of our behaviour system Laurus Ryecroft may wish to withdraw a student or students for a fixed period. Students may need to be withdrawn from both lessons and/or social times for the following reasons:

- To allow school to investigate a serious incident
- Serious uniform infringements
- To replace a fixed term suspension in special circumstances
- To complete restorative work
- Awaiting collection by a parent/carer when a fixed term suspension has been issued
- Failure to attend Tuesday/Friday's Leadership detention
- Repeated defiance towards school rules

In withdrawn study students will complete classwork alongside their HOY or a member of SLT. Work is collected/provided for each lesson and students are permitted comfort breaks and access to refreshments at break and lunchtime.

Reasonable adjustments will be made to take into account each incident and consider the needs of each student.

Community Service

These include incidents of misbehaviour, misconduct or damage which occurs out of school or in the local community, on the journey to and from school, including school buses and public transport or theft from local shops.

Suspensions

No Head of School likes to suspend a student from school, but there may be times when this is considered necessary. If your child has been suspended it means that he or she will not be allowed to attend school because of the difficulties that have arisen concerning a serious breach of conduct. The evidence required to suspend will need to meet the 'civil standard' of proof i.e. on the balance of probability, it is more likely than not that the student was responsible for the breach of school discipline.

A child who gets into serious trouble at school can be suspended for a fixed period of time. Schools can suspend a child if:

- They have seriously broken school rules
- Allowing them to stay in school would seriously harm their education or welfare, or the education or welfare of other students

Your child cannot be given fixed period (non-permanent) suspension that totals more than 45 school days in any one school year. Work will be set for your child if suspended for longer than one school day. It will be your responsibility to request and collect this work

We will contact you on the day a suspension is given and follow up with a letter including information on:

- The period and reason for suspension
- Your duty during the first five days of any suspension is to ensure that your child is not present in a public place during normal school hours, whether in the company of a parent/carer or not
- Any arrangements made by us that apply from the sixth day of the suspension
- It is your responsibility to contact school regarding readmission arrangements

Permanent suspensions

The Head of School will usually only permanently suspend a student as a last resort, after trying to improve the student's behaviour through other means. However, there are exceptional circumstances in which the Head of School may decide to permanently suspend a student for a 'one-off' offence.

If your child has been permanently suspended, be aware that:

- The school's governing body is required to review the Head of School's decision and you may meet with them to explain your views on the suspension
- If the governing body approves the suspension, you can appeal to an independent appeal panel organised by the local authority
- We must explain in a letter how to lodge an appeal
- We will work in partnership with other Tameside schools to provide full time education for any student from the sixth day onwards until the suspension ends
- The local authority must provide full-time education from the sixth day of a permanent suspension

Harmful sexual behaviour

We take a zero tolerance stance to any instances of Harmful Sexual Behaviours including sexual harassment, sexual abuse, sexual violence and peer on peer abuse. We will apply appropriate sanctions – please refer to the full HSB policy on the Trust website.

Uniform

All students will attend in full school uniform:

- There will be zero tolerance regarding incorrect uniform.
- If parental/carer permission has been obtained a member of the pastoral team will send the student home to get changed.
- If the student is unable go home it is expected that they will be in withdrawn study with a member of the pastoral team or SLT for the day. They will also be withdrawn study at break and lunchtime.
- It is expected that students will wear their uniform correctly on the entire journey to and from school.
- A special emphasis will be made, before and after school in the local community, in order to ensure that the school uniform is worn in the correct manner.
- Wearing uniform in the incorrect way will result in a C3 for incorrect uniform.

Smoking and Vaping

The school operates a strict no smoking policy. This includes within the school buildings and grounds as well as on the way to and from school whilst in school uniform. This includes the use of e-cigarettes.

Sanctions

- In the first instance, students found smoking, vaping or in the possession of a vape will be suspended. Parents/carers will be informed of the incident as soon as possible.
- If students are found smoking, vaping or in the possession of a vape a second time they will be suspended and a risk assessment put in place. Parents/carers will be instructed to complete a post suspension meeting with the Headteacher, SLT or senior member of the pastoral team.
- Any student can access to the Branching Out service for help and advice. Students and parents/carers will be made aware of this level of support.

Searches and confiscation

It is appropriate and acceptable for staff to confiscate students' property, for example, mobile technology (please refer to our Mobile Technology Policy). If students are seen with mobile technology in lessons, or anywhere other than designated areas, it will be confiscated. Mobile technology can also be confiscated where there are safeguarding concerns. It may not be appropriate for the property to be returned prior to discussions with the police. Confiscated property will be returned to the student or parent/carer. Staff are not responsible for the loss or damage of any confiscated items. This does not include prohibited or banned items. These will not be returned to the student. Multiple confiscations will result in a meeting with the DSL and/or Headteacher. Multiple offences may result in a risk assessment.

We have power to search students without consent if we have reasonable grounds to suspect that students may be in possession of prohibited items.

In addition to the general power to use reasonable force see 'The use of force by staff to control or restrain students policy'

Staff may conduct a search for the following prohibited items-

- knives and weapons
- alcohol
- illegal drugs
- stolen items
- tobacco, vapes and cigarette papers
- fireworks
- pornographic images
- any article that has been or is likely to be used to commit an offence, cause personal injury or damage to property
- phones

Please refer to DfE advice January 2019 and February 2024

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/674416/Searching_screening_and_confiscation.pdf

[Mobile phones in schools - February 2024](#)

Aerosols

Following advice from Asthma UK, LR is an aerosol free zone. Appropriate sanctions will be issued for students who use aerosols in school.

Payment Towards Damages

If a student causes damage to anything in school, then they may well be asked for a contribution towards the cost of any repair. This may apply even if the damage is accidental.

Serious Incidents

These include;

- Physical assault against a student including fighting
- Physical assault against an adult
- Verbal abuse and threatening behaviour against a student
- Verbal abuse and threatening behaviour against an adult
- Instigating violence by involving other people, not necessarily from the school community, in disputes with other students
- Involvement with fireworks
- Bullying (including cyber bullying)
- Racist abuse
- Harmful Sexual Behaviours
- Sexual misconduct
- Theft
- Damaging property
- Serious challenges to authority
- Persistent disruption of learning
- Serious breaches of the ICT code of conduct
- Deliberate misuse of the fire alarm will result in a permanent suspension
- Drug and alcohol related incidents – this may include the abuse of a legal substance
- Dealing with drugs at school will result in a permanent suspension
- Repeated use of drugs or alcohol may result in a permanent suspension
- Possession of a weapon, including replica weapons
- Possession of a vape
- Misuse of medication
- Misuse of aerosols
- Misuse of electronic equipment
- Making malicious allegations against a member of staff
- Inciting others to breach the school rules
- Inciting others to commit a violent act
- Behaviour that endangers themselves or others
- Behaviour which brings the school into disrepute and tarnishes the reputation of the school, even if this behaviour occurs outside of school time/hours
- It would be treated as a serious incident if any student inappropriately recorded/filmed any of the above incidents taking place

These incidents are considered to be highly damaging to the ethos of the school and to individuals within it. In these circumstances the normal referral procedures may be by-passed.

Serious incidents should be referred immediately to the Head of Year or a member of the Leadership Team.

Reasonable Adjustments

Any adjustments will be made reasonably with regard to identified diagnosed disabilities in consultation with the SENCO. If a breach of our Behaviour Policy is a direct consequence of mental health issues, the school may insist upon confirmation that the student is fit to attend. This confirmation will be sought from a mental health practitioner or their GP.

Sixth Form

Students within the Sixth Form are considered young adults who should set a model of good behaviour for students in younger years. As a general rule, all elements of our behaviour policy still apply in our Sixth Form, therefore we expect all students in Year 12 and 13 to model the behaviours of scholarship. As such, Sixth Form students are trusted to make informed choices about their conduct, including, but not limited to:

- Attendance to all lessons
- Punctuality to all lessons
- Responsible behaviour in and around the school
- Adherence to Sixth Form expectations, including dress code and responsible phone use
- Respect for all within the school community
- The completion of work to a high standard and meeting set deadlines

In the first instance, low level Sixth Form learning, behaviour, attendance and punctuality issues will be dealt with by the class teacher (C and B codes will be recorded in order for pastoral and sixth form staff to track any behaviour issues). Whilst we rarely use detentions as a sanction in Sixth Form, we do monitor student conduct and, in some cases, persistent breaches of the student contract will lead to parent meetings.

Serious incidents will immediately trigger a parent meeting. Please refer to the Laurus Trust Secondary Home School Agreement for more information.

Please refer to the Sixth Form Learning Contract for a more detailed reminder of the individual and collective responsibilities of all stakeholders.

Additional Information

This policy applies to all school related activities including visits, residentials and extra-curricular events. This also includes the journey to and from school. Other out of school incidents may be considered if the Head of School believes that they will have a serious impact within school. This would include behaviour which brings the school into disrepute or tarnishes the reputation of the school.

Staff should use this document in conjunction with:

1. The Anti-Bullying Policy
2. The Attendance Policy
3. The Teaching and Learning Policy
4. The Single Equality Scheme
5. The Classroom Routines

6. The ICT Policy
7. Safeguarding Policy
8. The Home School Agreement
9. Acceptable Use Policy
10. Mobile Technology Policy
11. HSB policy

Monitoring and Evaluation

We will be monitoring this policy through analysis of data and our Q/A procedures.

Equality Impact Assessments

Names and titles of people involved with this assessment	Rachel Robinson Assistant Trust Director of Inclusion
Impact assessment carried out with regard to identified characteristics	<p>Race <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Disability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Gender <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Religion & belief <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Sexual orientation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
Summary of any issues/proposed changes	<p>Page 10/11 – withdrawal from lessons may take place on Wednesdays/Fridays due to failure to attend 90 minute leadership detention.</p> <p>Withdrawal from lessons may be used as a sanction for repeated defiance towards school rules</p> <p>Page 15 – possession of a vape included within the list of serious incidents</p> <p>Page 8 - 3+ PP&R logs for KS4/2+PP&R logs for KS3 in a week to trigger an invite to Study Hub intervention (a change from detention)</p>
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