



CODES OF CONDUCT AND SCHOOL RULES

The **School Code of Conduct** and **Classroom Code of Conduct** is the framework for the creation of a culture of positive behaviour within which learners should conduct themselves. They were compiled in co-operation with all relevant persons (teachers, learners and parents). They are aimed to protect the learner's right to an effective education, their right to human dignity and their right to being in a safe environment. They also protect the right of the teachers to teach effectively and in a safe environment.

SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

Teachers and learners clearly believe that education is not only the responsibility of the state but also of learners, teachers and parents. For this reason, all at York High are committed to upholding the name of the school by showing respect, tolerance and reconciliation for all and by standing up for what is right, both at school and in the community.

This code is applicable on the school premises before, during and after school, during all school related activities on or off school property and outside of school property when a learner is identifiable as a learner of York High School.

- The personal appearance and dress of learners must fit in with the norms generally accepted by the community served by school, and as set out in the printed uniform prescriptions.
- Learners must attend school for the full academic day. They may not leave the school premises without the permission of the principal or the deputies.
- Learners must be punctual for school, all academic lessons and all school related activities.
- If a learner is absent, his or her parents must furnish the principal with an acceptable reason for the absence.
- Learners are required to obey the reasonable instructions of the staff.
- While under the supervision of the school, a learner may not damage or endanger the physical welfare of another person.
- No weapons, implements or materials which can cause bodily harm may be in the possession of a learner at school or while under the supervision of the school.
- Learners may not have in their possession, nor use cigarettes or any tobacco products, other drugs, alcoholic beverages or objectionable printed or recorded material or objects, when on the school premises, when in school uniform or when under the supervision of the school.
- Learners may not be under the influence of any intoxicating substance when connected in any way with the school.
- School property, or the property of others, may not be taken, damaged, defaced or polluted.
- Learners must participate in the educational programme prescribed by the education department, unless exemption has been granted by the department.
- Learners may not use any facilities or equipment of the school, including those for sport, nor be on the school grounds, outside school hours without the principal's permission.
- Learners may not bring discredit to the name of the school in any way.
- Learners may not sexually harass, bully, fight with, or tease other learners or members of the school community.
- Learners must conform to the **Dress Code and Appearance Policy** as set out in the prospectus.
- Learners must adhere to all further school policies as set out in the School Policy Document and adopted by The School Governing Body.

CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

Because we, the learners are here at York High to learn, we believe that in each classroom, during every lesson, it is essential that an atmosphere conducive to optimum learning should be created. We must respect one another's **RIGHT TO LEARN** in order to achieve this. We acknowledge that we take co-responsibility for discipline within the classroom. We as learners will strive:

- to exhibit a positive attitude towards our studies and towards those who teach us
- to participate enthusiastically in class activities
- to respect the values, ideas and property of our fellow learners
- to be friendly and supportive towards our peers
- to respect our teachers and act with appropriate courtesy
- to tolerate one another's differences and avoid any form of discrimination
- to do nothing that will in any way hinder a fellow learner's ability to achieve

- to be honest and at all times, whether doing homework, preparing projects or writing tests, to do our own work and not copy from others

Further, we the learners:

- will be punctual in arriving at class
- will enter and leave the classroom in an orderly fashion
- will be quiet during intercom announcements
- will be fully prepared for each class session, which means work up to date, correct books and equipment at hand
- will have the courage to own up when we have misbehaved and not let others pay the penalty for our misdemeanour
- will stand when an adult enters the room to show respect for the adult concerned
- will not talk when the teacher is talking, and raise your hand when you wish to contribute
- will not pack away books until the teacher has indicated that the lesson is over
- will not deface desks, steal drawing pins, mess with chalk and fiddle with equipment
- will keep the classroom neat and clean by putting litter in the bin and not inside desks or on the floor

Finally, we would expect of our teachers:

- the creation of a positive atmosphere – relaxed yet controlled
- fair warning of tests and deadlines
- fair issuing of homework and assignments
- a variety of teaching methods with a view to a pleasurable and effective learning experience
- firm action against individual offenders and a genuine attempt to avoid punishing the group for the offences of individual learners
- recognition and praise for achievement, while making sure that non-achievers are never humiliated
- the realisation that respect and courtesy must be mutual
- pride in a clean and tidy school environment

Signed by learner

I _____, have read the ***School Code of Conduct*** and ***Classroom code of conduct***. I intend to do my best to live up to the ideals expressed herein.

Comments:

 Signed by Learner

 Date

Signed by parents

I _____ and _____ parent/s of

_____, intent to do my best to see that he/she adhere to the ***School Code of Conduct*** and ***Classroom code of conduct***.

Comments:

 Signed by Parent

 Signed by Parent

Date: _____

Date: _____