Thurston Sixth Form - Student Code of Conduct

In order to ensure all students have the opportunity to achieve their potential at Thurston Community College and Thurston Sixth Form, we ask students to uphold our code of conduct. We endeavour to ensure we provide a learning and study environment that allows all students to be effective learners.

Our community is built on trust and respect. In order for you to benefit from this, we expect all students to uphold the same high standards. Full copies of Thurston Community College's (TCC) policies and procedures can be found HERE or on the College Website.

In the interests of clear communication, we would like to specify the following:

Campus Essentials
You must:
1. Bring your Sixth Form lanyard and ID badge to college. You must be prepared to present your lanyard at any time so that all members of TCC staff are able to identify you and keep you safe.

2. Sign in as soon as you arrive on campus and sign out upon leaving, using your ID badge.

3. Treat all members of the TCC community with respect and courtesy. This includes showing respect for race, gender, religion, sexuality, and the differences which contribute to the diversity in our community.

4. Be ambassadors for TCC in the local area; be courteous and polite to members of the local community.

5. Respect the facilities, books and resources provided to assist you in your studies.

6. Direct any visitors to check in at reception. If you are aware of any unauthorised visitors, not wearing a lanyard or wearing a red lanyard and not with a member of staff, you must report this to a member of college staff immediately.

Attendance
We expect you to:
1. Strive to ensure your attendance to all lessons, assemblies and meetings is consistently above 96%. Maintain outstanding levels of attendance throughout the academic year by attending Sixth Form every day (barring illness or other exceptional circumstances where permission has been granted in advance by the attendance team).

2. Arrive on time for all assemblies, meetings and timetabled lessons.

3. Ensure that you inform sixthabsence@thurstoncollege.org of any absence before 09:00 each day.

4. For a medical procedure or treatment, we may request that you provide evidence of the appointment. Confidential information can be removed from the evidence provided. Where possible we request appointments are made outside of lesson time.

5. Attend all internal and public examinations as per the set timetable.

6. Be available for college work and activities Monday-Friday from 9 until 15:10. Do not take on part-time work or other regular commitments without college permission during this time.

7. Participate fully in the development of personal, social and employability skills through Academic Tutor 1-1s, Career Advisor 1-1s, personal lessons and assemblies.

8. Go to reception if you feel unwell onsite and need to go home. Staff will contact parents/carers.

Academic and Learning Expectations
We expect you to:
1. Attend all lessons and be punctual.

2. Come to lessons with the appropriate equipment, ready to make an immediate start. Phones should be away, unless your teacher has given permission for its use, no headphones should be worn, hats and coats should be off with hoods down and bags away.

3. Engage in all class activities and contribute to discussions in a positive way, contributing to a positive learning culture.

4. Maintain organised files with well-structured notes.

5. Meet all deadlines for home learning assignments and formal assessments.

6. Reflect on feedback and respond positively, seeing it as a stepping stone to self-improvement.

7. Catch up immediately on any work missed because of absence.

8. Ensure you complete all work set to the best of your ability.

9. Spend at least five hours on average per week per subject working outside the classroom.

Behaviour Expectations
We are committed to outstanding standards.
We expect you to follow the Thurston Community College Behaviour and Culture policy which can be found HERE or on the College Website.

We would like to highlight that you must refrain from:

1. Bringing non-students onto the College campus.

2. Allowing anyone else to use your Sixth Form ID badge

3. Dropping or leaving litter around the campus or the surrounding area.

4. Smoking or using e-cigarettes on any part of the campus including outside.

5. Bringing banned items into College e.g. knives or weapons, alcohol. Please refer to the College's Behaviour and Culture policy for the full list of banned items.

6. Being under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, legal highs, or any other non-prescribed psychoactive substances.

7. Engaging in any violent or threatening behaviour.

8. Bullying, harassing, or discriminating against any member of the TCC community.

9. Any form of racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, gender identity-based discrimination or intolerance of religious belief.

10.Using the College facilities to access or share any obscene, offensive, or illegal material.

11. Any behaviour which may bring the College into disrepute. This includes any criminal or antisocial behaviour within or beyond TCC.

Digital Conduct and Online Responsibilities
We are committed to responsible, safe, and respectful use of digital tools and systems. We use technology for learning and connection.

We expect all students to act with integrity, responsibility and respect in their digital conduct.

If you fail to observe any aspect of the Code of Conduct or associated policies, the College's disciplinary procedures will be implemented.