



**BRITISH SCHOOL
OF GENEVA**

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Implementation Date – September 2023

Review Date - May 2024

Student Name: _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Parental Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Welcome to our vibrant community of learners! We believe in fostering a dynamic environment where each student can engage in a *good struggle* for growth and success. By embracing responsibility, respect, and cooperation, we create a safe and enriching space for all. Our Code of Conduct encapsulates these values and guides your journey within our school.

DRESS CODE: FOSTERING UNITY

Wear:

- smart black shoes only, avoiding coloured marks or designs on soles;
- grey school trousers;
- BSG hoodies, jumpers, or cardigans only.

For PE lessons, you must wear the designated BSG PE kit.

Year 11 students may wear smart black or grey trousers or smart black jeans (no rips or fading).

Remember:

- Accessories should be discreet: one ring, one bangle, one chain. Single ear or nose piercings with studs are acceptable. Hoops, pendants, long earrings or multiple piercings are not allowed. Remove necklaces, rings, and bracelets for sports and science practicals.
- Keep make-up discreet and age-appropriate.
- Wear appropriate shoes and clothing outdoors, especially in bad weather.
- Do not wear outdoor coats/jackets, scarves, hats, or caps indoors.
- Religious head coverings are allowed.
- Visible tattoos are not allowed.

You are expected to maintain a neat and tidy appearance at all times while wearing the school uniform (i.e. shirts/blouses tucked in). Repeated breach of the uniform policy will result in an after-school detention.

PUNCTUALITY: SEIZING EVERY MOMENT

- Arrive promptly between 8.00 and 8.15 am, ready for the day. At 8.15 you should be in your Form room.
- Be punctual for registration, assembly, and all classes, valuing each opportunity for amazing learning.
- Lateness after 8.20 am is recorded on Engage; after 8.25 am, sign the late book at the reception.
- Late twice prompts an email to your parents; three times will result in a detention.

ATTENDANCE

- If you are unwell and need to stay at home, your parents/guardians must email or call the school.
- For appointments during school hours, your parents/guardians should notify the school via email or phone in advance.
- If you cannot join PE lessons, your parents/guardians must send an email or call the school.

LEAVING SCHOOL PREMISES

- You must not leave the school premises during the school day without permission and without signing out at the reception.
- A level students are allowed to leave the school premises during lunch and afternoon breaks, but must ensure they are back on time for their lessons.

COURTESY AND RESPECT: BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS.

Always:

- be polite, courteous and cooperate fully with staff;
- give way to staff and visitors in corridors and at doorways;
- knock before entering a class in session;
- accept the right of others to hold views and express opinions that may differ from your own;
- comply with all school policies.

Never:

- engage in anti-social behaviour like bullying or fighting, use foul language, litter or deface property;
- take others' possessions without permission;
- bring peanuts or peanut products to school or on school trips, as some students may suffer a severe reaction.

DURING CLASS: NURTURING A LEARNING ATMOSPHERE

Always:

- arrive punctually and have all the equipment required for each lesson;
- wait for your teacher to greet you at the beginning of your lesson and stand behind your chair;
- enter quietly, wait to be seated, and open your book ready for work;
- remain seated unless directed otherwise;
- speak only with permission of staff;
- put away books, tidy the room, and wait to be dismissed as directed by staff.

You must not eat (except for specified medical purposes) or chew gum during class.

BREAK AND LUNCH: NOURISHING MIND AND BODY

- You must go outside at break.
- If it rains at break or lunch time, you may remain in the Hall.
- Generally, food should only be consumed in the canteen, the playground or the common room in the A Level centre.

SAFETY: IT REALLY MATTERS

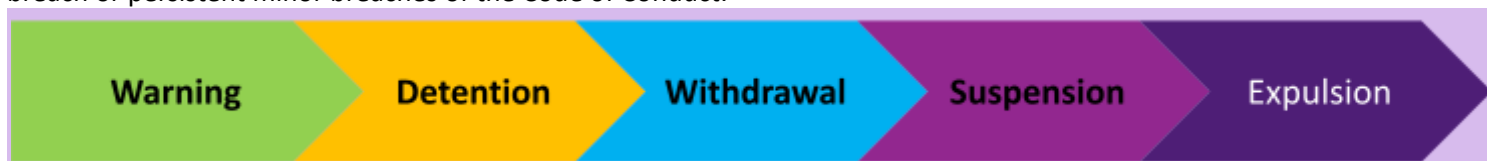
- Behave safely, considering your well-being and others'.
- You must not run inside.
- Keep bags out of the way to prevent hazards.
- Respect fire equipment and alarms.
- You must not bring alcohol, tobacco, e-cigarettes or any prohibited substances to school. **Possession or use of such items within school, on school visits or when wearing school uniform is strictly forbidden and will be treated as a very serious offence.**
A level students must not display tobacco products.
- You must not bring into school any inflammable substances, fireworks or objects that could be construed as offensive weapons. **The use of such articles or their threatened use by word or deed will be treated as a very serious offence.**

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

- Store books and belongings in your locker and hang coats and outdoor clothes on pegs, avoiding clutter in public areas. Lockers are only accessible before lessons, at break, during the lunchtime and at the end of the school day.
- Ensure all items are labelled with your name.
- Never leave money or valuables unattended.
- Report lost property to staff promptly.
- You must not use electronic devices **at any time** during the school day. A Level students may do it discreetly during study periods, but not while walking or in class. Remove headphones during class.
- Switch off your mobile phone and place it in your Form telephone box at the start of the day. You can only collect it at end of the school day.
- Do not bring scooters or skateboards to school.
- **The school accepts no responsibility for loss of or damage to personal valuables including computers, electronic devices and mobile phones.**

CONSEQUENCES AND APPLICATION:

Violations of the Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary actions, which may include warnings, lunchtime or after-school detention, withdrawal, suspension, or expulsion depending on the severity of the behaviour. The Code applies to all activities, including extracurricular events and outings. Your parents will be notified of any serious breach or persistent minor breaches of the Code of Conduct.



We trust that you will embrace these principles, fostering an environment of mutual respect, growth, and success. Your commitment to this Code of Conduct reflects your dedication to BSG's values and aspirations.