TAUNTON
SCHOOL
SUMMER SCHOOL

Course Rules and Behaviour Policy Summer School 2027

Our Summer School Rules are devised to make sure that every student feels safe whilst having a rewarding and enjoyable time at Taunton Summer School. Our rules are there to create a caring and purposeful environment which helps to inspire, challenge and nurture all students to help them find their exceptional. We attach great importance to courtesy, integrity, good manners and respect for each other in order to cultivate a warm and welcoming environment.

TEN 'NO' RULES

The Ten 'No' Rules are behaviours that are not tolerated within Taunton School and can be seen in the diagram below. If any of the Ten 'No' rules are broken, the appropriate steps on page 2 will be followed. Please note that the Ten 'No' Rules are not exhaustive as other behavioural breaches could also lead to sanctions.

The Ten 'No' Rules

No Bullying or Child-on-Child Abuse	No Fighting
No Weapons	No Smoking
No Alcohol	No Drugs
No Stealing	No inappropriate sexual behaviour
No Vandalism	No Disrespect

- When we talk about 'No Drugs', we mean all illegal and 'legal' highs, as well as any drugs paraphernalia.
- When we talk about "No Smoking", we mean all cigarettes, vaping and associated equipment.
- Further details of the ten 'No' rules will be given to you during your induction at the beginning of the Summer School. If you do not understand any of the Ten 'No' rules please ask a member of staff to explain them to you.
- Breaking UK law is automatically against School Rules.

Sanctions

In instances where unsatisfactory behaviour occurs, the Summer School Staff will observe the following levels to ensure sanctions are relevant and consistent.

Please note that the Summer School Director may internally/externally suspend or, in very serious or persistent cases, permanently exclude a student from the Summer School if they consider their behaviour to be unsatisfactory and that removal is in the best interest of the School, the Student or other students attending the Summer School.

Level 1

Verbal warning from a Teacher or Pastoral Staff Member

- Low level disruption
- Poor Behahiour and/or attitude
- Cause of harm or distress to others through unkindess and lack of respect.
- Lack of respect of property

Level 2

Verbal warning from Academic Manager or Pastoral Lead

- Presistent and continued Level 1 behaviour
- Inappopriate behaviour / Language
- Serious disobedience or provoking of others
- Serious ICT misuse
- Rudeness towards staff

Level 3

Letter written to parents/guardian/agents + Privileges Restricted

- Presistent and continued Level 1 or 2 behaviour
- Incidents linking to breaking of any of the Ten 'NO' Rules

Level 4

Meeting with the Summer School Director + Internal suspension

- Presistent and continued Level 1, 2 or 3 behaviour
- Serious Incidents linking to breaking of any of the Ten 'NO' Rules

Level 5

External Suspension (Host family stay for 2-3 days)

- Repeated Level 3 or 4 behaviour
- Smoking in the boarding house (including vaping)
- Consumption of alcohol
- Using offensive language and/or aggressive behaviour towards a member of staff or another student
- Theft
- Bullying
- Repeated incidents of unacceptable behaviour

Level 6

Exclusion

- Repeated Level 3, 4 or 5 behaviour
- Possession of drugs
- Inappropriate sexual behaviour
- Serious physical assault
- Serious acts of vandalism
- Possession of an illegal weapon
- Repeated incidents involving suspendable offences

Please note the list above is not exhaustive and other inappropriate behaviour may incur sanctions at the discretion of the Summer School Director. persistent

OTHER SCHOOL REGULATIONS

Chewing Gum: The chewing of gum is forbidden on school premises.

Cyberbullying: Cyberbullying can be defined as 'the use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT), particularly mobile phones and the internet, deliberately and over a period of time, to upset someone else'. It can be an extension of face-to-face bullying, with technology providing the bully with another route. It will not be tolerated.

Devices and Digital Use: Students are allowed to use a device for learning during the school day. They are responsible for anything they do when using technology. Students click a disclaimer every time they log on and must remember that access is a privilege, not a right and that access requires students to show self-control and responsibility for their behaviour. The use of any device is subject to the Acceptable Use Policy. A copy of the 'acceptable use policy' is available on the school website.

Dining Hall: Students are expected to use courtesy over the use of the dining hall: they should follow instructions from staff and prefects over queuing. Mobile phones and other electronic devices are not permitted in the dining queue or in the dining hall itself.

Mobile Phones: The use of mobile phones is subject to the Acceptable Use Policy. Students will have access to their mobile phones at different times throughout the day depending on their age and the activities that are planned.

	Morning	Lessons	Afternoon Activities	Trips	Evening Activities	Free Time	Mealtimes	Overnight
Juniors (8-12 Year-olds)	✓	✗	✗	!	✗	✓	✗	✗
Seniors (13-17 Year-olds)	✓	!	!	✓	!	✓	!	!

✓ Students have and can use their phones.

✗ Students do not have access to their phones.

! Students have their phones, but should only be used if they have permission from a teacher, or if it is an emergency.

Out of Bounds: Boys may not visit girls' Houses, nor girls visit boys' Houses. Students are likely to be suspended if they break this rule. Students must not visit the TPS grounds, workshops, the Science laboratories or the Theatre and lighting gallery, except when authorised. It is strictly forbidden to climb over fences or gates around the School site.

REWARDS

At Taunton Summer School, achievement, effort and outstanding behaviour are recognised in a number of official ways. We encourage students to be curious, show kindness, and to give everything a go – you never know what hidden talents you might have!

Juniors

Reward Booklets: Our Junior students are rewarded for all small acts of good behaviour through gaining stamps and stickers in their Reward Booklets. They will receive these for reasons such as: excellent class work, speaking English, showing kindness towards others and taking care of their environment. After a certain number of stamps/stickers have been received, the students are rewarded with a Summer School wrist band which are awarded as follows:

- 25 x Stamps/Stickers = A Blue Summer School Wristband
- 50 x Stamps/Stickers = An Orange Summer School Wristband
- 100 x Stamps/Stickers = A Purple Summer School Wristband
- 200 x Stamps/Stickers = A Green Summer School Wristband

Star of the Day: Every morning before lessons, students have a morning Call Over with their Academic Manager and Pastoral Lead. In this time, 1 child will be awarded with the 'Star of the Day' Award for outstanding behaviour or participation on the previous day. For this, they will receive a Certificate and Summer School Teddy which they will be able to keep with them for the remainder of the day and night. The Summer School Teddy will then be passed onto the next 'Star of the Day' the following morning.

Weekly/End of Summer School Certificates: At the end of each week, certificate will be awarded for the following:

Area	Subject	Reason
Academic Achievement	English	For outstanding quality of work, behaviour and academic improvement within lessons.
	STEM	
	Mutli-Sports	
	Cookery	
	English Enrichment	
	Creative Arts	
Pastoral Awards	Acts of Kindness	For outstanding behaviour that allows themselves and other students to have an overall wonderful experience whilst at our Summer School.
	Trying something new	
	Caring for the School and Environment	
	Outstanding Performance	
	Excellent Attitude	

Seniors

Praise Postcards from the Academic Manager and Pastoral Lead: For our Senior Students, we like to show recognition of outstanding behaviour (both in and out of the classroom) through sharing Praise Postcards with the students' Parents/Guardians/Agents. Each week, our Academic Manager and Pastoral Leads will share acts of wonderful behaviour through emailing Parents/Guardians/Agents with Praise Postcards to inform them of the student's great work, attitude or overall performance.

Weekly/End of Summer School Certificates: At the end of each week, certificate will be awarded for the following:

Area	Subject	Reason
Academic Achievement	English	For outstanding quality of work, behaviour and academic improvement within lessons.
	STEM	
	Future Business Leaders	
	Performing Arts	
	Art and Design	
	English Enrichment	
	Football Academy	
	Tennis Academy	
	Artificial Intelligence	
	Psychology	
	Pre-Med	
	Outdoor Pursuits	
Pastoral Awards	Acts of Kindness	For outstanding behaviour that allows themselves and other students to have an overall wonderful experience whilst at our Summer School.
	Trying something new	
	Caring for the School and Environment	
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End of Summer School Outstanding Performance Awards: At the end of each Summer School, we host an awards ceremony in the School Chapel where weekly certificates and end of Summer School certificates are given. In this ceremony, we also award prizes for up to 5 students who have stood out as outstanding students throughout their time at Summer School.