



# The Black & Gold Charter



We believe that a constructive partnership between school and home is an essential part of an effective education. This document sets out to make clear the reasonable expectations of each partner in the education process. The signatories to this agreement will work in partnership to encourage achievement and uphold high standards.

**Aims & Values - At The Bishop's Stortford High School, we pride ourselves on providing a truly all-round education for our students. We value: Commitment, Aspiration, Respect, Integrity and Community. Our guiding principles are based on academic excellence and personal fulfilment, within a forward looking and disciplined environment. We aim to develop responsible and resilient students with a love of learning and provide a wealth of opportunities for all to contribute to the life of school and our community.**

### The School will make every effort to:

- care for your son's safety and happiness and set high expectations in all aspects of school life
- model the school's values and high standards
- provide a broad, balanced and diverse curriculum appropriate to your son's need to acquire knowledge and skills relevant to adult life
- develop your son's skills as a responsible learner and a global citizen
- provide an outstanding educational experience within and beyond the classroom
- encourage, inspire and engage your son in the co-curricular and extracurricular life of the school
- monitor your son's welfare, attendance, punctuality, conduct, effort, progress and overall quality of education delivered
- contact parents/carers where there are any areas of concern relating to these
- hold your son to account for their conduct
- keep parents/carers regularly informed about general school matters and events
- recognise, reward and celebrate your son's achievements and contributions to school life
- provide parents/carers and their sons with opportunities to provide feedback to the school

### As Parent(s)/Carer(s) I/We will make every effort to:

- ensure my son attends school regularly, on time, properly attired, equipped and prepared to work hard
- work in partnership with staff to instil the school's values, high standards and resilience
- fully support the school staff's application of school's policies and behaviour for learning guidelines
- work openly with the school to inform school of any issues affecting my son's progress or behaviour
- regularly check my son's home learning and establish effective routines, free of distractions, so he can invest sufficient time and meet deadlines.
- regularly monitor my son's use of digital media and manage their time on devices
- encourage my son to participate in co-curricular activities and support school events
- raise concerns directly with the school, in a formal, courteous and a respectful manner and consider the negative impact of addressing concerns via social media
- attend parents' consultations and information evenings, getting to know about my son's life at school
- advise school on or before the first day of any absence
- not take family holidays during term time
- support my son in developing good reading habits, good oracy and the skills of a responsible learner

### As a student I will make every effort to:

- attend school regularly and on time
- be fully prepared for learning, having all the equipment I need every day
- demonstrate the school's values and meet its high expectations and standards of dress at all times
- be committed to working hard and taking responsibility for my own learning
- take responsibility for my behaviour and share information with my parents and staff truthfully
- follow instructions given by all staff members
- remove distractions when completing homework so that it reflects my best ability and read regularly
- produce my best work and proofread it before submitting it to deadline
- be courteous, caring and show respect to staff, visitors, and other students as a good citizen and member of our community, both on and off school premises
- be responsible for making healthy choices
- make the most of the co-curricular activities on offer and be willing to fulfil commitments to the best of my ability
- respect and care for the school environment and help to keep it free from litter and graffiti

Signed (Head teacher):   
Mr. Dale Reeve

Signed (Parent/Carer): .....  
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Signed (Student): ..... FORM: 7 .....  
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