

## 1. Introduction

The College has a Code of Conduct which is based upon respect for the College community, the wider local community, for individuals, property and the environment. It is expected that all students are aware of it and abide by its principles.

Students are strongly advised to read this document, alongside the College's Student Charter and therefore understand that they must avoid engaging in behaviours which are likely to bring the College into disrepute or damage the collaborative work undertaken with its local community.

All students are expected to be considerate to the needs of fellow students, visitors and staff and to positively integrate with local residents.

## 2. Teaching and Learning

In relation to the core activity of teaching and learning, students are expected to:

Adopt a diligent and co-operative approach to all aspects of academic life.

Adopt responsibility in creating a supportive educational community in which everyone can self-manage their learning.

## 3. Student Life

In relation to other aspects of student life, our students are expected to act appropriately and conduct themselves as respectful citizens of both the College and the local community. It is expected therefore that our students are seen as positive ambassadors for the College whilst they are registered on a course.

As such the following actions, whether occurring on College premises or elsewhere, are examples of conduct which are not acceptable to the College and may lead to the invoking of formal College Investigatory Procedures:

- Conduct which constitutes a criminal offence including:
  - Assault
  - Sexual misconduct
  - Any form of hate crime
  - Theft, fraud, deceit, deception or dishonesty
  - Violent, indecent, disorderly, threatening, intimidating or offensive behaviour or language.
  - The use, possession or supply of illegal drugs.
  - Unacceptable behaviour arising from excessive consumption of alcohol and/or drugs.
  - Damage or vandalism to property.
  - Misuse or unauthorised use of College premises.
  - Action likely to cause injury or to impair Health and Safety procedures.
  - Any form of bullying or harassment.

- Virtual actions (i.e. social network sites, blogs, e-mail, SMS messages etc.) that are deemed as:
  - the harassment or victimisation of a member of the College community, or
  - making slanderous claims against a member of the College community, or
  - bringing the College into disrepute.
- Failure to respect the rights of others to freedom of belief and freedom of speech.
- Disruption of, or improper interference with, the academic, administrative, sporting, social or other activities of the College.
- Obstruction of, or improper interference with, the functions, duties or activities of any student, member of staff, or visitor of the College.
- Failure to disclose personal details to a member of staff of the College in circumstances in which it is reasonable to require that such information be given.
- Breaches of any codes, policies or regulations adopted by the College or the Students' Union.
- Any behaviour which brings the College into disrepute.

The College has an excellent relationship with the police. Where an informal approach has not been effective or where offences are more serious or repeated, a criminal investigation may be deemed necessary; where this is the case, the College will fully support this action or instigate it if appropriate.