STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

2026 – 2027

Barking & Dagenham College

Your enrolment at Barking & Dagenham College means that you fully accept your responsibilities as a student, so please read this Code of Conduct carefully.

The list below is not exhaustive but it is a general list for all parts of our College. If there is any uncertainty about acceptable standards of behaviour, then students should seek advice from a member of staff.

Here at Barking & Dagenham College we work exceptionally hard to give you the best possible teaching and learning experience, and all of the support that you need to help you to be successful. We are committed to fostering an inclusive environment where diversity is celebrated and all students feel valued and respected, regardless of their background, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation or disability.
These are our promises to you!

IN RETURN, WE EXPECT YOU TO

- Be respectful to everyone – students, staff, visitors and neighbours
- Attend 100% of lessons, including maths, English and tutorials, and be punctual
- Ensure your work adheres to your course's guidelines and deadlines, avoiding copying the work of others (plagiarism), which includes misuse of artificial intelligence (AI) (e.g. ChatGPT)
- Wear your College ID badge at all times on campus and during educational visits, ensuring that your photograph and badge information is visible at all times. Your badge must be provided to staff upon request
- Follow all health and safety rules
- Respect College property including accommodation, equipment and computers
- Behave responsibly inside and outside of College, including online
- Respect our College and the neighbouring environment; recycle where possible and dispose of litter in bins
- Take full responsibility for belongings that you choose to bring to college and hand in any lost and found to a member of staff.
- Dress appropriately and respectfully for a professional working environment

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

- Discrimination, bullying, harassment or threat (sexual, physical, emotional, verbal or online) towards any other student, member of staff, visitor or member of our local community
- Foul, racist, sexual, violent, offensive or abusive language and/or behaviour
- Spitting
- Unsafe actions that put others at risk or break the College's health and safety regulations
- Instigation or promotion of violent or extremist views or ideas, including online activity
- Carrying, using or distributing alcohol, drugs, solvents, energy drinks or other illegal/ harmful/psychoactive substances
- Entering campus under the influence of alcohol, drugs, solvents or other illegal/ harmful/psychoactive substances
- The carrying of any weapon or use of any item as a weapon, including laser pens
- Behaviour that disrupts the learning of others
- Any form of academic or exam misconduct including copying the work of others (plagiarism) and the use of AI
- Use of mobile phones/smart watches during lessons or exams (unless agreed by the tutor)
- Smoking, including e-cigarettes or vapes, outside of the designated areas next to car parks
- Damage to any College property or possessions, or to that of our local community neighbours
- Anti-social behaviour on-campus or within the neighbouring area
- Wearing hoods, balaclavas, peaked caps, face masks or other items that obscure the face, unless it is integral to your faith
- Low rise or sagging trousers or jogging bottoms, revealing clothing or clothing with offensive slogans or language

IT AND DIGITAL USAGE

- No damage or alteration to IT equipment or systems
- Only use personal College ID and password, which must not be shared with anyone
- No access to any unauthorised sites or chat rooms that contain abusive, sexist, pornographic or unlawful materials
- No harmful online behaviour, including (but not limited to) online bullying or making, sending or receiving explicit images, including those generated using AI such as deepfakes.
- No communication with extremist organisations or access to extremist content online
- No unauthorised recording of staff or students at any time

For everyone's safety, College IT and digital equipment has safeguarding monitoring software installed. Please be aware this is monitored continuously and improper use may lead to disciplinary action and referral to the police.

By signing your learning agreement at enrolment with Barking & Dagenham College you have agreed to behave in accordance with the Code of Conduct. Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct may lead to disciplinary action which, in the most serious cases, may result in permanent exclusion from the College. To see the full *Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Policy* please visit bdc.ac.uk/policies.

If you have any questions about this Code of Conduct, or concerns about how it applies to you, then please either speak with your tutor and/or Student Achievement Mentor (SAM), visit the Student Support Zone or email StudentSupport@bdc.ac.uk