



*At Baldragon Academy we aim to **motivate** and **inspire** each other to reach our full **potential** and take **pride** in our **community**. With **respect**, we work together and achieve more.*

Student Name: _____

As a student in S4-6, you are already aware that you have rights and responsibilities as a pupil of Baldragon Academy. This contract sets out these rights and responsibilities so that we can all be clear about what we can expect from one another throughout the year.

What you can expect from Baldragon Academy:

As a student in the senior phase of school you will have expectations of your school. Through subject lessons, opportunities for personal achievement and your active contribution to the ethos and life of the school, we will ensure that:

- You have opportunities to achieve to the highest levels through a relevant and coherent programme (timetable) of study throughout the year. This agreed timetable will form part of this contract. You will be personally supported and challenged to do this.
- You have opportunities to develop skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work. Specifically, we will provide opportunities for you to develop skills in literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing and higher-order thinking skills; we will offer opportunities to develop your skills in leading and working with others; we will provide opportunities to develop skills in personal learning planning and learning about learning. You will also have opportunities to develop enterprise and employability skills and to plan for positive and sustained destinations beyond school.
- You will be treated fairly and with respect. If you are under 16 we will positively recognise your rights as a child. Whenever possible, you will be given an opportunity to reflect and resolve any issues which we need to address with you before more serious consequences are put in place. Parents/carers will be kept up to date with progress through our reporting system and whenever home contact is required. We value the support your parents/carers give to the school as well as the support they give to you, and so we will always work with them in your interests.
- If you are a young person over the age of 16 you assume additional rights and responsibilities. You are the person choosing the opportunity to continue in school. Therefore, you are especially encouraged to comment directly on any aspect of school and raise concerns if your expectations are not being met. In addition, whenever possible, you will be given an opportunity to reflect and resolve any issues which we need to address with you before more serious consequences are put in place. Nevertheless, if you are living with your parents or are in care, your parents/carers will be kept up to date with progress through our reporting system and whenever home contact is required. The school will, of course, continue to value our relationship with your parents/carers and ask for their help and support throughout your time at school. We also continue to expect parents/carers to provide notes for absences/out of school requests and sign permission forms, etc.



What Baldragon Academy expects from you:

It is also important that the school outlines our expectations for all senior pupils. We, of course, expect all senior pupils to work to our school values of responsibility, fairness, honesty, achievement and the over-arching value of respect. We expect you to be role models for others and ambassadors for our school community. Therefore, we ask you to agree to the following:

- I agree to be and do my very best at all times, including working with endeavour and actively participating in lessons and in the wider school community, developing as an independent learner, meeting deadlines, learning collaboratively and supporting others.
- I agree to follow all our school rules, particularly with regard to attendance, timekeeping, behaviour, being prepared, homework, uniform and respect for all. *(Please note that attendance of all lessons is essential. Attendance must remain above 90%. Non-attendance requires a parent/carer note. Full school uniform is a requirement throughout the year)*
- I agree to take full responsibility for my actions. This includes when in school, travelling to and from school, when communicating with others via social networking/texting etc, and when in and around the local community.
- If I have a job, I agree that, **whenever possible**, I will not allow this to conflict with my learning priorities. In particular, I will work within the legal restrictions as outlined by the Scottish Government (2017) 'Saturday employment for up to 5 hours, and for no more than 2 hours on school days (not before 7am or after 7pm)'.
- I agree that, if given an opportunity to resolve any concern or issue, which the school raises with me, I will address this issue immediately. I will also seek further support from the school/my home if necessary.

We recognise that sometimes special arrangements or conditions need to be put in place to enable all our students to achieve at the highest levels. These should be agreed with your guidance teacher and year head.

If you feel unable to sign this contract for whatever reason, please contact your year head to arrange a meeting.

Your timetable is also part of this contract. All timetables should be agreed with your guidance teacher and year head.

Agreement: I agree to the above contract:

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Year Head: _____

Date: **12/08/2020**