

DGHE Student Code of Conduct

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Respectful Behaviour including Anti-Bullying

Students are expected to behave respectfully and professionally at all times, in line with the College's values of dignity, inclusion, and equality. Bullying, including cyberbullying, discriminatory language, harassment and sexual misconduct, will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary procedures as outlined in the **Non-Academic Misconduct Policy**. Students should promote a positive and inclusive learning environment by treating peers and staff with courtesy and respect.

Student Responsibilities

Students must:

- Visibly display their DGHE-issued ID badge at all times on campus. Security is within its right to stop students entering the building if they are not wearing the appropriate ID.
- Report any unsafe, discriminatory, or inappropriate behaviour they witness to a member of staff. Alternatively, students may report abuse, harm or hate using the SpeakUp tool where they can choose to report anonymously or use their contact details.
- Use appropriate language in all College communications and interactions.

Drugs, Alcohol and Prohibited Items

The use, possession, or being under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol on DGHE premises is strictly prohibited. The possession of offensive weapons is similarly banned. Such incidents will be referred for disciplinary action and may involve external authorities, including the police, where necessary.

Wellbeing and Support

DGHE is committed to supporting student wellbeing. Students experiencing challenges related to mental health or personal circumstances are encouraged to contact the Advice and Wellbeing Service. Support is available for reasonable adjustments and proactive wellbeing care.

Disciplinary and Complaints Process

Where a student fails to meet behavioural expectations, disciplinary action may be taken under the **Non-Academic Misconduct Policy**. This includes informal resolution, formal procedures, and appeals. Students may also raise concerns through the **Student Complaints Policy**, which outlines a three-stage process:

- 1. Informal Resolution
- 2. Formal Complaint
- 3. Review by the Governance Advisory Committee.

If unresolved, students can request a Completion of Procedures Letter and contact the Office of the Independent Adjudicator (OIA).

https://www.oiahe.org.uk/contact-us/