



Student Code of Conduct

There are a number of specific formal requirements regarding the conduct expected of students at Sharpe Academy.

1. The use of illegal drugs and abuse of intoxicating substances on Academy premises is strictly forbidden.
2. All premises are designated smoke-free zones. This includes the smoking of tobacco in all forms and herbal substitutes. Smoking is not allowed in any building. Smoking while on the premises is only permitted outdoors, at least 5 metres from any building or at the designated smoking spots.
3. Food and drink may be consumed only in authorised areas and not in teaching rooms, lecture theatres, studios, libraries or specialist workshops.
4. Students may not sell goods or services on Academy premises without the prior approval of the Principal.
5. Any form of gambling on Academy premises is strictly forbidden.
6. Students should not create excessive noise or disturbance which may cause discomfort, inconvenience or annoyance to other members of the Academy or wider community. At all times students are expected to conduct themselves in a reasonable and orderly manner with due regard to other people and their property.
7. Students must not wilfully engage in conduct which prejudices the effective provision of the course of study. Students are expected to attend punctually, in accordance with the requirements of their course, co-operate with staff in the keeping of class registers and submit work as and when required.
8. Students must not wilfully engage in conduct which prevents, obstructs or disrupts the holding or orderly conduct of any meeting or other lawful assembly in the Academy.
9. Students must not forge, falsify or misuse any Academy record or document (including headed paper).
10. Students must not initiate contact with any of the Academy's external examiners.
11. Students are expected to abide by the provisions within this Code and the Student Regulations; particular attention is drawn to section 6 of the Student Disciplinary Procedures which gives examples of serious breaches of discipline. Any allegation of a breach of student discipline or of non-compliance with this Code of Conduct will be dealt with in accordance with those procedures.
12. Good manners and respect must be shown towards others at all times.
13. All Sharpe Academy equipment and premises must be treated with extreme care.
14. Bullying (physical or verbal) will not be tolerated in or outside of lesson times.
15. Academy uniform and/or appropriate dancewear must be worn to all classes and workshops, as set out in the Academy's uniform list, given to all students prior to the commencement of their study.
16. No jewellery may be worn to classes or workshops.
17. Mobile phones must be switched off at all times. Exceptions to this rule may be:
 - a) Staff members may at times use their phone to play music for rehearsal purposes.
 - b) Students may at times use their phones (with staff permission or direction) to record vocal harmonies or dance routines.No other use is permitted without the prior consent of Academy staff or management.
18. Due to the nature of performing arts, Academy staff may need to make physical contact with students to correct stance and movement in classes. No other physical contact is appropriate.
19. It is the responsibility of all students to inform a member of the Sharpe Academy team should they witness any other students breaking our code of conduct.