



Yehudi Menuhin Summer School Student Rules

Introduction

The Yehudi Menuhin School, the “School”, allows each pupil to develop individually as much as possible without impinging upon the happiness and well-being of others in the School. We aim to encourage self-discipline, good manners, and consideration for others. This applies to pupils attending our summer school. Good behaviour, trying your hardest and consideration of others is expected at all times.

All pupils are expected to listen, understand and respect the views of every member of the community. This brings with it a responsibility to each other which is fundamental to the relationship between staff and pupils.

We will not tolerate any kind of bullying or harassment. It is unacceptable to treat any other person unfairly because of their race, religion, age, gender, disability, sexuality or appearance.

The Student Rules, set out below, must be followed by everyone during their time with us. You must also adhere to the instructions given by course staff.

If you do not keep to all rules that apply, we may need to take disciplinary action against you. The disciplinary procedure is explained below.

The rules are not designed to cover every eventuality. If there is any unacceptable behaviour that is not covered by these rules, we can still take disciplinary action.

Student Rules

The Student Rules are:

- To adhere to the School’s values of Integrity, Pursuit of Excellence, Intellectual Curiosity, Kindness and Community;
- To respect the needs and feelings of others;
- To act in ways that do not hinder the well-being, actions, beliefs or property of others or yourself;
- To take care of the environment in which you live;
- To respect and follow the instruction of the School staff;
- To dress appropriately;
- To be punctual and to attend all lessons and activities that have been timetabled for you;
- To complete any work you are asked to do;
- To take care of other members of the School community;
- To sign out if you leave the School. Permission must always be granted first.
- To go to the Fire Assembly Point whenever you hear the fire bell ring;

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- To behave in such a manner during concerts so as to not create distraction to others in attendance, and to be always supportive of those performing;
- To not watch a DVD/TV, to play computer games or use social media during planned activities.

We need to know where pupils are at all times and that you are safe. Therefore, unless you have permission from a member of staff, pupils are not allowed:

- To miss lessons and planned activities;
- To be absent at mealtimes;
- To be late for your check-in times in the evening before bed-time;
- To be off the School site without permission.

In addition:

- After lights-out times and before wake-up times, you are not allowed to leave your boarding area without permission.
- Girls and boys are not permitted in each other's bedrooms at any time. Pupils may visit one another's common boarding areas (e.g. kitchens, common rooms etc.) providing permission has been granted in advance.
- You are not permitted to remove anything from anyone else's possession without their consent.
- You are advised not to borrow from, or lend money to, other pupils.
- No food (including chewing gum) or drink (other than water) may be taken into teaching rooms, classrooms or any public rooms.
- No candles, matches, incense or lighters in your accommodation.
- You are not allowed to take any medication or over the counter medicine unless instructed to do so by the House staff.
- You must not possess any pornographic images in any form nor attempt to access or make any pornographic images.
- No smoking is allowed at any time during term-time, on or off the School premises (this includes the use of e-cigarettes and vapes).
- No involvement whatsoever in drugs (including psychoactive substances, so called "legal highs") is permitted as this is illegal (other than as instructed by the House staff).
- No pets or live animals of any kind may be brought onto the School premises without the permission of the School's Head.
- You must not do anything which will bring discredit on the name of the School.

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Disciplinary Procedure/Sanctions

Should an occasion arise where the behaviour of a pupil is considered inappropriate, dangerous or unacceptable, it may be necessary to impose a sanction. All sanctions will be reasonable in all circumstances and account will be taken of the pupil's age, any special educational needs or disability they may have, and any religious requirements affecting them.

The purpose of this is to help the pupil to take responsibility for his or her actions, reinforce the disapproval of the Staff and to act as a deterrent against a repeat of the behaviour.

Search and Confiscation

If School staff suspect that pupils are in possession of an item which is banned by the School's rules, they will ask for their consent to search them and their possessions. If pupils refuse to comply with a request, for example, to disclose the contents of their pockets or bag, the School is entitled to apply an appropriate sanction.

School staff can search a pupil for any item if the pupil agrees. The School is not required to inform parents before a search but will attempt to notify parents of the cause for concern before the search takes place or to seek their consent to search their child.

If the pupil does not agree to be searched or to have their possessions searched, and if the School suspects that pupils are in possession of a prohibited item (as identified in Department for Education guidelines and listed below), the Head, or staff authorised by him, have a statutory power to search pupils or their possessions, without consent, where they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that the pupil may have a prohibited item. The Head, or staff authorised by him, can use 'reasonable force' to conduct a search for prohibited items.

Prohibited items are:

- Knives or weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs and stolen items; and
- Tobacco, e-cigarettes and cigarette papers, matches and lighters, fireworks and pornographic images;
- Any article that the member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence, or to cause personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including the pupil), and
- Any other item banned by the school rules which has been identified in the rules as an item which may be searched for.

Unless there is an immediate risk of serious harm being caused, any search will be carried out by a member of staff of the same sex as the pupil being searched and in the presence of another member of staff of the same sex.