

## KS5 – Home School Agreement

A successful education rests on a three-way partnership between the student, their parents/carers and South Bank UTC (UTC). For this partnership to work, each party needs to contribute positively.

### South Bank UTC agrees to:

- Treat students fairly, care for their safety and wellbeing, promoting their happiness at the UTC;
- Ensure that they are well taught and achieve their best in all aspects of UTC life by promoting high standards of work and behaviour and providing clear guidelines to enable enjoyment and achievement;
- Help them to develop a sense of responsibility and to be considerate of others;
- Provide a wide range of subjects and a variety of enrichment activities;
- Provide appropriate academic guidance to enable all students to fulfil their potential and to make informed choices about each stage of their learning;
- Keep parents/carers well informed about academic progress, achievements, sanctions and general matters;
- Notify parents/carers if a child is absent without permission.

### As the Parent / Carer I agree to:

- Ensure that my son/daughter attends South Bank UTC regularly, on time, in correct dress, with all their equipment that is needed and to notify South Bank UTC on the first day of any absence by telephone and by letter upon return; Attendance must not fall below 97%.
- Let the UTC know about any problems which might affect the work or behaviour of my son/daughter;
- Support with work at home, such as revision, and provide a suitable place to study;
- Attend consultation evenings and discussions about progress;
- Support their son/daughter in responding positively to the expectations and regulations of South Bank UTC;
- Support South Bank UTC's policies and rules, and the Code of Conduct on behaviour and use of the ICT equipment;
- Avoid taking holidays during term time.

### As the Student, I agree to:

- Attend on time each day and be punctual to all my lessons;
- Bring the things I need every day and look after them properly;
- Dress according to the Dress Code and be tidy;
- Work hard and do all my classwork and any extended learning as well as I can;
- Respect South Bank UTC's Code of Conduct and be polite and considerate to others at all times;
- Follow the Code of Conduct set out in student policies;
- Treat South Bank UTC's facilities and equipment with respect and keep it free of litter.
- Treat other students and staff with respect and be polite and courteous to each other at all times.

**Lunchtime arrangement agreement.**

At the UTC, all students in Years 12 and 13 are encouraged to participate in family dining in our hall though this is not mandatory.

We operate a community dining scheme at South Bank UTC which is different to many schools. We can offer healthy, fresh, home-cooked food every day, with no frozen or processed ingredients, and with vegetarian, halal and allergy-friendly options. Students are entitled to a main course and dessert and may have ‘seconds’ free of charge if available. We can offer this at a highly competitive price. This runs in a similar manner to many independent schools – families commit to paying the £2.35 per day for every day should they want a meal provided for their child in Key Stage 5.

We operate a cashless system, with families expected to commit to paying in advance for meals using ParentPay.

**Parent Pay**

The cost per meal is £2.35 per day which equates to £11.75 per week. This is a fixed cost and will be charged for participating students.

All school trips, books, activities and equipment that requires payment or deposits will be facilitated through this system so all parents are expected to be signed up in order to ensure payments are taken safely.

Activation letters will be provided for you via email by the Admissions Officer within the first Term of the Academic year. [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

If you have any concerns about the payment of your child’s meals and wish to discuss eligibility for free school meals, please get in contact with us via [info@southbank-utc.co.uk](mailto:info@southbank-utc.co.uk)

**Free school meals**

The process for applying for free school meals varies from council to council. In some cases, you apply through your local authority and in others you might need to apply directly to the school – but your council website will tell you this. Please check here <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

**I have read and understood the above policy and will adhere to the terms of the Home School Agreement at Southbank UTC**

Name..... Signature: (Student)..... Date:.....

Name..... Signature: (Parent)..... Date:.....