

Student Code of Conduct

Overview

Blackpool and The Fylde College (B&FC) provides a safe, supportive and nurturing environment so that all students can reach their long-term career goals. The principles of mutual trust, co-creation and working in partnership are the cornerstones of our learning community. This can only be achieved if we can work together in an environment where we respect the rights of others and permit freedom of thought and expression.

Professional behaviour is at the heart of this Code of Conduct and all students are expected to act in a professional manner at all times. **Students are expected to comply with B&FC policies and procedures** and behave in an appropriate manner in all their day-to-day activities; this includes dealings with other students, employees and all external organisations.

The values of **individual liberty, democracy, rule of law, mutual respect and tolerance** are key to ensuring that all students at B&FC are fully prepared to contribute to their communities and gain long-term sustainable employment. In the rare cases when student behaviours do not align with these expectations, B&FC will follow the relevant procedures to resolve matters appropriately. This code of conduct applies to all students at B&FC.

Student Conduct

Students are expected to:

- maintain **outstanding attendance** and punctuality
- wear **ID badges** at all times
- dress in a manner that is **appropriate** for their area of study
- **No smoking or vaping** on College premises
- be an ambassador for B&FC and behave in a **professional and positive** way whilst being respectful to the local community
- align all behaviours to **promote B&FC values** and show mutual respect to all partners
- meet set targets by **agreed deadlines**
- participate fully in the **learning experience**
- follow all **health and safety guidelines** and procedures
- take full advantage of the employability and **careers opportunities** provided by B&FC
- show **respect** for all B&FC resources, including buildings, furniture and equipment
- work positively within **teams**
- seek **help** when needed
- **report breaches** of this Code of Conduct to any employee
- comply with the **Safeguarding Policy** and the **IT Acceptable Use Agreement**

Breaches of the Code of Conduct

Misconduct behaviours include, but are not limited to:

- **poor attendance**
- causing **damage** to any B&FC buildings, equipment, books, furnishings or resources
- **unauthorised interference** with software or data belonging to or used by B&FC
- **theft** of property or any other dishonest acts
- being in possession or under the influence of **alcohol** on B&FC premises or when taking part in any B&FC related activity
- **bullying, intimidation, taunting, verbal abuse or the threat of violence** towards any member of the B&FC community or partner organisation
- **substance abuse**/being under the influence of drugs while on B&FC premises or taking part in any B&FC related activity
- **smoking or vaping** on College premises
- any breach of **Health and Safety guidelines**
- any behaviour (including online) that may bring B&FC into disrepute or may cause **reputational damage**

Breaches of the Code of Conduct may result in the imposition of **disciplinary actions** as identified in the **Positive Student Behaviour Procedure**.