

# Pledges Passport



**Preparing you for your next stage in  
your learning and for life beyond the  
Academy.**

Name:

The 'Pledges' initiative promotes **enrichment activity** in and out of the Academy.

It will help you to:

- understand the value of extra-curricular involvement;
- gain confidence and valuable life experiences;
- develop a range of skills.

### **Pledge Completion:**

- Pledge completion will be tracked by you using this '**Pledges Passport**'
- Pledge completion will be recorded and monitored by form tutors.

### **Targets:**

You must achieve targets for:

- Pledge completion
- Attendance
- Effort in lessons.

### **Year 11 Prom**

- Current Year 11 students must achieve at least **2** pledges by May half-term 2018.
- Current Year 10 students must achieve at least **3** pledges by May half-term 2019.
- Current Year 9 students must achieve at least **5** pledges by May half-term 2020.

### **Year 8 Graduation**

- Current Year 8 students must achieve at least **2** pledges by May half-term 2018.
- Current Year 7 students must achieve at least **3** pledges by May half-term 2019.

**Up-date this booklet every half term to track your  
'Pledge' completion.**

## Pledge 1: Regularly attend an After-Academy activity

Note:

You must complete this Pledge within the Academy.

Pledge Guidance	Activity Participated In Evidence Provided	Date Completed
<b>In the Academy:</b>		
<p>To achieve this pledge, you must attend a club for <b>one term</b>.</p> <p>There are many after school enrichments which are offered by different departments in the Academy. The most important thing is that you enjoy the enrichments which you take part in, but they can also offer wonderful opportunities. Sports enrichments offer you the opportunity to develop teamwork, leadership and communication skills. There are many different sports clubs and teams. Music enrichments also develop cooperation and communication skills, as well as expanding other areas such as commitment, patience and discipline. Music examinations beyond Grade 6 are worth UCAS points in the same way as academic qualifications. Subject enrichments allow you to demonstrate your interest in a subject and build up skills which will allow you to study subjects at a higher level.</p> <p><b>Although you only need to attend an enrichment for one term to gain this pledge we hope that you will find an interest which you can pursue for much longer.</b></p>		
	<b>Validated By (Tutor):</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Outside of the Academy:</b>		
<p>Although enrichments outside of the Academy do not count for pledges, clubs and teams which you attend outside the Academy offer the same rewards in developing experiences and skills which will be attractive to colleges, universities and employers; preparing you for further education and work.</p>		

## Pledge 2: Represent the Academy in a sporting, cultural or academic event

**Note:**

You must complete this Pledge within the Academy.

Pledge Guidance	Activity Participated In Evidence Provided	Date Completed
<b>In the Academy:</b>		
<p>To achieve this pledge, you must represent Red House Academy at either a sporting, cultural or academic event. This could be done by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playing for a Red House Academy sports team.</li> <li>• Being part of a youth conference.</li> <li>• Taking part in a student voice conference, etc.</li> </ul> <p>Representing the Academy in a sports, cultural, music or academic event can make a job, college or university application stand out. Being one of the best students in the Academy in one of the above areas is a real accomplishment. As well as the transferable skills which you achieve from entering these competitions; the pride of representing the Academy is immeasurable.</p>		
	<b>Validated By (Tutor):</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Outside of the Academy:</b>		
<p>Although it would not count for an Academy pledge, competing at a regional or national level in sport, music or drama or representing a local sports team gives you the same opportunities and experiences as when you represent the academy.</p>		

## Pledge 3: Take part in an 'outward bound' or residential programme

Pledge Guidance	Activity Participated In Evidence Provided	Date Completed
<b>In the Academy:</b>		
<p>To achieve this pledge, you must take part in an outward bound or residential programme.</p> <p>This pledge will allow you to challenge yourself as you take part in outdoor activities.</p> <p>It allows students to practise teamwork, communication and resilience; excellent qualities which stand you in good stead for future study or work.</p>		
	<b>Validated By (Tutor):</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Outside of the Academy:</b>		
<p><b>You do not have to compete this pledge within the Academy.</b></p> <p>Outward bound programmes are not only offered by the Academy. The scouts, guides and cadet units also take part in similar activities, along with a wealth of other opportunities which their members can access.</p>		

## Pledge 4: Attend a national sporting, academic or cultural event

Pledge Guidance	Activity Participated In Evidence Provided	Date Completed
<b>In the Academy:</b>		
<p>To achieve this pledge, you need to attend a national sporting, academic or cultural event.</p> <p>These experiences broaden your horizons and interests.</p> <p>The Academy offers opportunities each year for students to attend national sporting, academic or cultural events. We also visit national exhibitions in a variety of subjects.</p>		
	<b>Validated By (Tutor):</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Outside of the Academy:</b>		
<p><b>You do not have to compete this pledge within the Academy.</b></p> <p>There are many sporting, academic or cultural events which you could attend with friends or family and gain the same benefits from.</p>		

## Pledge 5: Take part in a production or event

Pledge Guidance	Activity Participated In Evidence Provided	Date Completed
<b>In the Academy:</b>		
<p>To achieve this pledge, you must take part in a production or event, either in the Academy or outside the Academy.</p> <p>Taking part in a production requires organisation, confidence, cooperation and communication skills. These transferable skills are invaluable in study and in the workplace.</p> <p>Completing this pledge allows you to develop and demonstrate these skills, whether on the stage or behind the scenes.</p> <p>You can also achieve this pledge by helping in Academy parents' evenings, open evenings or primary transition events.</p>		
	<b>Validated By (Tutor):</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Outside of the Academy:</b>		
<p><b>You do not have to compete this pledge within the Academy.</b></p> <p>You will gain the same benefits from performing with a community choir, orchestra or drama group.</p>		

## Pledge 6: Take part in a formal presentation to an audience

Pledge Guidance	Activity Participated In Evidence Provided	Date Completed
In the Academy:		
<p>To achieve this pledge, you need to create and deliver a presentation to an audience.</p> <p>The important thing is that it must be organised and well prepared.</p> <p>Students are offered many opportunities in and out of lessons to complete this pledge. Standing up in front of an audience requires confidence and communication skills. Many jobs require presentations to be given and it is often a large requirement of the assessment during college or university study. Students who can demonstrate these skills on applications will benefit.</p>		
	<b>Validated By (Tutor):</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Outside of the Academy:		
<p><b>You do not have to compete this pledge within the Academy.</b></p> <p>You may have the opportunity to present to different audiences through extracurricular clubs, teams or societies which you attend outside of the Academy.</p>		

## Pledge 7: Be actively involved in an international experience

Pledge Guidance	Activity Participated In Evidence Provided	Date Completed
<b>In the Academy:</b>		
<p>To achieve this pledge, you need to promote an international awareness campaign. This may link to an assembly theme or international day.</p> <p>Communication is very important in this pledge but resilience, confidence and cooperation also feature highly. Students who have been involved with an international event will be able to write assuredly about their experiences in applications.</p>		
	<b>Validated By (Tutor):</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Outside of the Academy:</b>		
<p><b>You do not have to compete this pledge within the Academy.</b></p> <p>You can develop your own international partnerships beyond the experiences done in the Academy.</p>		

## Pledge 8: Be actively involved in a community experience

Pledge Guidance	Activity Participated In Evidence Provided	Date Completed
<b>In the Academy:</b>		
<p>To achieve this pledge, you need to get involved in a community experience or event. Such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attending a local council meeting.</li> <li>• Helping with local events.</li> <li>• Getting involved with a community programme.</li> </ul> <p>There are some opportunities to be involved with the community through the Academy but this is a pledge which involves you getting involved with your own local communities.</p>		
	<b>Validated By (Tutor):</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Outside of the Academy:</b>		
<p><b>You do not have to compete this pledge within the Academy.</b></p> <p>Community experiences are a wonderful opportunity for you to volunteer within your local communities. This is particularly relevant to those of you who wish to enter a caring profession in the future such as medicine, nursing, dentistry, physiotherapy or veterinary science to demonstrate an understanding of and commitment to the subject.</p>		

## Pledge 9: Participate in a fund-raising event in the Academy

**Note:**

You must complete this Pledge within the Academy.

Pledge Guidance	Activity Participated In Evidence Provided	Date Completed
<b>In the Academy:</b>		
<p>To achieve this pledge, you need to help plan, organise or participate in an event to raise money for charity or the local community.</p> <p>This is a fantastic opportunity to help other people and do something you can feel really great about.</p> <p>This could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bake sale.</li> <li>• A food bank collection.</li> <li>• Collecting for the homeless, etc.</li> </ul> <p>There are a variety of fund-raising events which take place throughout the academic year and students who are passionate about a charity can apply for permission to run their own fund-raising event. In terms of college, university or job applications the organisation of a fund-raising event has many transferable skills such as organisation, communication, cooperation, creativity and resilience. A charity which is relevant to future ambitions would be a good idea, e.g. a charity such as Macmillan for a student who wishes to become involved in nursing or other medical based careers.</p>		
	<b>Validated By (Tutor):</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Outside of the Academy:</b>		
<p>You have to complete this pledge within the Academy, however, the benefits of completing fund-raising activities, e.g. the development of skills and qualities, will also be relevant when completed outside of the Academy.</p>		

## Pledge 10: Help with the sustainability of the Academy

Note:

You must complete this Pledge within the Academy.

Pledge Guidance	Activity Participated In Evidence Provided	Date Completed
<b>In the Academy:</b>		
<p>To achieve this pledge, you need to help the Academy to improve its sustainability.</p> <p>Sustainability is about looking after our environment. Some ways you could do this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting recycling in school.</li> <li>• Walking or biking to school everyday (for one term).</li> <li>• Creating a new after school club, e.g. fair trade club, an environment club, etc.</li> </ul> <p>Promoting sustainability looks very desirable on college, university or job applications.</p>		
	<b>Validated By (Tutor):</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Outside of the Academy:</b>		
<p>Again, promoting or coordinating sustainable projects outside of the Academy can demonstrate the same teamwork, coordination and communication skills as when the projects are done within the Academy.</p>		

## Pledge 11: Participate in twenty hours of work discovery, enterprise or careers-related activity

**Note:**

You must complete this Pledge within the Academy.

Pledge Guidance	Activity Participated In Evidence Provided	Date Completed
<b>In the Academy:</b>		
<p>There are many work discovery, enterprise and careers-related programmes offered within the Academy, such as the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundation of Light – Business and Enterprise Certificate.</li> <li>• ESH – Building My Skills Programme.</li> <li>• STEM Mentoring Programme.</li> <li>• Sunderland Work Discovery Programme.</li> <li>• Industrial Cadets Programme, etc.</li> </ul> <p>To achieve this pledge, you must complete 20 hours of work discovery, enterprise or careers-related activity over a period of one year.</p>		
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