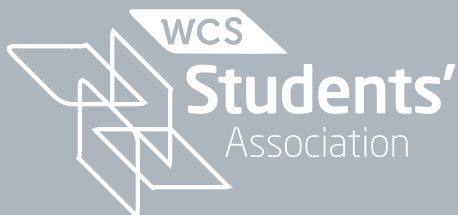


STUDENT BEHAVIOURS FRAMEWORK 2026-2030

**Developed in partnership with
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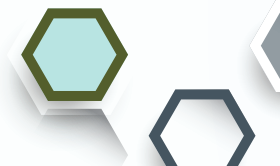
Introduction:

Welcome to West College Scotland.

Our WCS Student Behaviours Framework has been developed in partnership between the Students' Association and College staff, and is aligned with the core values set out in the College's new Strategic Plan 2026-2030. It reflects our shared commitment to creating a learning community where everyone feels respected, supported, empowering people and our communities to thrive.

The framework outlines the behaviours and standards expected across our College. It is designed to ensure that all students benefit from a high-quality learning experience that prepares them for future employment and further study, while also fostering a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment.

Achieving this vision is a shared responsibility. By promoting positive, respectful, and inclusive behaviours, we create the conditions where every member of our College community can succeed. Engaging positively with this framework helps students build essential life skills, strengthen their sense of belonging, and maximise their opportunities for personal and academic success.





People-Centred

All students are placing people and well being at the heart of their actions.



Behaviours

- ★ Show empathy listen actively to peers, staff, and the wider community, recognising different needs and experiences.
- ★ Support others offer help when classmates struggle, encourage inclusion, and contribute to a positive learning atmosphere.
- ★ Challenge or report behaviour that undermines others, and support peers to seek help where needed.
- ★ Take responsibility for personal wellbeing manage workload, seek support early, and respect boundaries.
- ★ Value diversity engage with people from different backgrounds and perspectives with curiosity and openness.

Trustworthy

Students act with integrity and reliability in all aspects of college life.



Behaviours

- ★ Be honest in academic work avoid plagiarism, cheating, and misrepresentation.
- ★ Follow through on commitments meet deadlines, attend classes, and communicate proactively when challenges arise.
- ★ Protect confidentiality handle sensitive information responsibly and respect others' privacy.
- ★ Make ethical choices consider the impact of actions on peers, staff, and the college community.

Respectful

Students demonstrate respect for themselves, others, and the learning environment.



Behaviours

- ★ Communication is key use appropriate language, listen without interrupting, and engage in respectful dialogue even when opinions differ.
- ★ Take care of college property, facilities, and equipment, using them responsibly and report any damage.
- ★ Use digital tools and online platforms responsibly and appropriately.
- ★ Promote a safe environment, recognise that bullying, harassment, gender based violence, and discrimination are not acceptable, take appropriate action by speaking up or seeking support.
- ★ Acknowledge boundaries by recognising personal, cultural, and professional boundaries in interactions with staff and peers.
- ★ Show appreciation by encouraging the contributions of others and celebrate achievements

Collaborative

Students work effectively with others to achieve shared goals.



Behaviours

- ★ Participate actively in group work contribute ideas, share tasks fairly, and support team success.
- ★ Seek and give feedback offer constructive input and be open to feedback from staff and other students.
- ★ Engage in the wider community/college life join clubs, projects, or initiatives that strengthen the college community
- ★ Become a class rep join the Student Association help improve the college learning experience your voice matters
- ★ Build positive relationships foster trust, cooperation, and mutual respect in academic and social settings.

Innovative

Students embrace creativity, curiosity, and continuous improvement.



Behaviours

- ★ Be open to new ideas explore different approaches, challenge assumptions, and experiment with solutions.
- ★ Use technology appropriately and responsibly adopt digital/AI tools to enhance learning and problem solving.
- ★ Take initiative identify opportunities to improve processes, projects, or personal learning.
- ★ Learn from mistakes view setbacks as opportunities for growth and adapt accordingly.

Digital learning....

Our learning environment is always evolving, and online learning is now an important part of how we work together. It can offer you greater flexibility to choose when and how you learn best. By engaging with digital tools and online platforms, you will also develop valuable skills that can be used in many areas of life, study, and future employment. Please keep in mind that:

- ★ On-line discussion forums and digital messaging apps offer the opportunity for you to engage in learning with your peers remember always be respectful
- ★ Some lessons may be recorded for further sharing online. Staff will tell you in advance if this is the case and you can choose to opt in, or not.
- ★ Equally we do not expect that you record or share any staff lessons without their permission.
- ★ Communicate respectfully and professionally when online and using digital messaging portals. Participate in discussions, ask questions, and collaborate with others in a considerate and constructive way.

And finally...

There are some behaviours that we will not tolerate and may result in disciplinary action.

You can find more information in the **Student Disciplinary Procedure**

NEED HELP AND SUPPORT?

The Student Advisory Service team have an office on each campus offering guidance on academic matters, wellbeing, counselling, finance, and a wide range of other support services available at the college.

- ★ College notice boards are available on each campus with regards to career opportunities
- ★ Visit the Student Portal Mywest for help and advice.
- ★ You can check the College or Students' Association social media pages:

Facebook

www.facebook.com/westcollegescotlandstudents

Instagram

www.instagram.com/wcs_studentsassociation

You can also contact the Students' Association at sa@wcs.ac.uk

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