

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL
STUDENT ACADEMIC PROBATION POLICY

Aim

1. The aim of this policy is to state the conditions under which a student may be placed on academic probation and the procedure for doing so.

Introduction

2. One of the prime objectives of Christ's Hospital is to provide curriculum to support challenge in all its forms. Occasionally, some students will fail to demonstrate the ability to cope with, or a willingness to commit to the academic standards set by the School.

Procedure

3. When this situation continues over time, and all other support systems provided by the School have been exhausted, a student may be placed on "academic probation." This is a serious matter and the student concerned will have reached the point where failure to respond positively will bring into question his or her place at Christ's Hospital.
4. The procedure for academic probation is as follows:
 - a. The student will be placed on academic probation by the Head Teacher acting on advice from the Assistant Head, Academic. Parents will be informed.
 - b. Academic probation will last for from one term to an entire academic year during which:
 - a clear timeline of assessments and expectations will be set for the student and communicated to houseparents, teachers, and the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) as a written contract. Staff are notified about those students in any academic year who are on such probation;
 - a weekly record of work set, work done, marks/grades awarded etc may be kept centrally by the student's teachers, HoDs, houseparent or personal tutor;
 - a tutorial with the personal tutor will take place at least once a week;
 - the Assistant Head, Academic will see the student at his/her discretion;
 - incremental effort targets will be set and monitored as relevant and appropriate in the view of the Assistant Head, Academic;
 - if deemed necessary time 'out of house' can be limited to two evenings per week; and
 - the student may be restricted in their opportunity to take part in extra-curricular activities, performances or trips which cut across mainstream academic work, lessons, or prep.

- c. Parents may be asked to attend further meetings after each reporting session to inform them of progress in that period.
 - d. SEN: the SENCO will be consulted as to whether academic probation is appropriate. Presence on the SEN register will not necessarily preclude the use of academic probation.
 - e. Timing: academic probation will start *at the earliest* in the summer term of the LE.
 - f. If a student has failed to make significant, acceptable progress during this period of academic probation, the Head Teacher may recommend to parents that they withdraw the student from Christ's Hospital.
5. The following is a possible list of measures and actions which are in agreement with the current Rewards and Sanctions Policy. These measures and actions will have been used and/or recorded prior to the imposition of academic probation:
- imposition papers, late work records, teacher targets, agreed HoD targets, academic detentions, C4C records;
 - academic support cards/HoD academic support cards;
 - tutorial advice;
 - poor effort grades;
 - poor exam results;
 - SENCO assessment;
 - repeated need for in-house monitoring;
 - HoD concerns or HP concerns raised;
 - targeted departmental support (re-tests, student support classes, departmental intervention, catch up sessions);
 - case conference, leading to...
 - overall picture of a student failing to respond to disproportionate staff input.

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