



John Port Spencer Academy Student Pledges

Student Pledges are commitments made by students to facilitate them developing their all-round citizenship skills to make them successful and fulfilled throughout their time at JPSA and beyond.

Students at John Port Spencer Academy are encouraged to gain a breadth of experiences. This includes accessing the wide range of extracurricular opportunities on offer and representing their year group. In order to further develop this ethos and raise expectations, the importance of engagement from everyone is essential.

We expect all John Port Spencer Academy students to make a positive contribution to wider school life. By completing these pledges, you will develop new skills, interact with new people and have a more fulfilling time in the academy and in your local community.

All students who manage to complete all 10 pledges will receive a commendation letter and will be entered into a prize draw for some attractive prizes such as prom tickets, shopping vouchers and electronic tablets.

The pledges you should aim to complete this year are:

1. To read and produce a book review for three fiction or non-fiction books (in the space provided in your student planner for your form tutor to read and sign off).
2. To actively contribute to charity work in the academy.
3. To undertake a random act of kindness.
4. To participate in at least one year team competition or event.
5. To support another student, or to contribute to the learning of another student in the academy.
6. To participate in an academy extra-curricular event/club/team.
7. To lead a discussion/debate/show and tell on a topic that interests you during a registration period.
8. To actively contribute to an area of the academy outside of lesson time.
9. To actively contribute to the academy environment.
10. To complete a community pledge that can be signed off by your parent/carer.

There are many ways to complete each pledge. Please have a look at the following examples to help you. There are also many more ways that you can achieve each pledge. Please speak to your Form Tutor or Head of Year if you would like any further ideas, any help or to check if you have achieved a pledge so it can be signed off.

Examples of how to achieve each Pledge

- 1. To read and produce a book review for three fiction or non-fiction books (in the space provided in your student planner for your form tutor to read and sign off).**
 - The book review is a written report and handed in to your form tutor. You need to complete all three reviews to pass this pledge.
 - Students can take this further and present this to the class in registration.
- 2. To actively contribute to charity work in the academy.**
 - Children in Need fundraising
 - Comic/Sports Relief fundraising
 - Christmas Shoebox appeal
 - Year team charity events (e.g. Lepra for Year 7)
- 3. To undertake a random act of kindness.**
 - You could support another student with their bags if they are injured.
 - You could help a student to a member of staff if you saw they were upset.
 - You may offer to buddy up with a new student to the school.
- 4. To participate in at least one Year Team competition/event.**
 - This could be a poster competition.
 - It could be related to National Anti-bullying Week
 - You could take part in Sports Day which is a year team event
- 5. To support another student, or to contribute to the learning of another student in the academy.**
 - You could become a peer mentor for another student.
 - You could become a class champion and support another student in class.
 - You could become a reading buddy for another student.
- 6. To participate in an academy extra-curricular event/club/team.**
 - This could be an inter-form competition such as football or rounders.
 - You could attend a sports practice or represent an academy team.
 - You could attend a lunchtime of afterschool club such as drama club or chess club.
 - You may be chosen to take part in the maths challenge.
- 7. To lead a discussion/debate/show and tell on a topic that interests you during a registration period.**
 - It could be leading a discussion that is raised via Student Voice meetings.
 - It could be a discussion or debate following a themed assembly.
 - It could be leading a discussion based on a current affairs topic/news event.
 - You could bring in something from home and explain its importance to you.
- 8. To actively contribute to an area of the academy outside of lesson time.**
 - You may be a student receptionist.
 - You could support at a parents' evening.

- You could support at an open evening.
- You may support the Year 6 induction days.
- You could apply to become an academy prefect.

9. To actively contribute to the academy environment.

- You could offer to support a member of staff with a school noticeboard.
- You may offer to support with the collection of litter.
- You could help with the academy well dressing.

10. To complete a community pledge that can be signed off by your parent/carer.

- You help an elderly person that your family know in your street/village with their shopping on a regular basis.
- You may support with the coaching for a local sports team.
- You may take a lead role at Scouts.
- You may help with charity work out of school.
- You may support a local community event.