



Al Khair Secondary Schools' 11 BEFORE 11 Pledges

Introduction

The '11 BEFORE 11' Pledges initiative has been created to ensure all pupils at Al Khair Secondary Schools are given extraordinary opportunities to participate in inspiring and memorable experiences. Our 11 before 11 initiative is a series of 11 pledges that Al Khair Secondary Schools' pupils will have access to by the end of Year 11. Pupils are expected to complete all the pledges during their time at the school as part of their enrichment and beyond the curriculum experience. We believe these pledges will help develop important life skills and provide our students with the confidence and motivation to succeed in the next chapter of the life.

Many of the pledges have at their core British values of:

Democracy

The rule of law

Individual Liberty

Mutual respect

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

The pupils' achievements are recorded by the Enrichment Coordinator & form tutor and a celebration is held at school.

- **Pledge 1: Regularly attend an after-school activity**

There are a number of enrichment activities offered at Al Khair by both subject departments and external organisations. These are designed to develop pupils' confidence, resilience and to provide an opportunity to try out something new. We also offer an extensive range of sports activities ranging from golf to archery.

In order to gain this pledge, pupils must attend an after-school activity for a minimum of six sessions.

- **Pledge 2: Represent Al Khair in a sporting, cultural or academic event**

Developing the confidence to represent the school in any event is a huge achievement for any of our pupils. There are various ways to represent the school; playing on a sports team, taking part in a debating or science competition or performing at one of the school in-house events such as Shakespeare Fest.



- **Pledge 3: Take part in a hike or residential activity**

The school is near some beautiful and scenic areas such as the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The school provides pupils an opportunity to go on hikes to these locations as well as encourages pupils to make the most of hikes and walks available in surrounding area hikes. There are also opportunities for residential trips via the Duke of Edinburgh programme. The school also has its own annual residential trip offered to KS4 pupils.

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

A trip to a museum, sporting event, or seeing a theatre production are just some of the ways this Pledge can be achieved. The school offers many opportunities for visits to art galleries, the National theatre and exhibitions.

- **Pledge 5: Take a leading role in a house competition or school event**

Taking the lead in a competition or school event requires organisational and leadership skills, dedication and the ability to communicate with other people, skills which are transferable to the workplace.

We also have various events throughout the year such as Open Evenings, Induction Days and enrichment programmes such as Arabic day. All of these require support from our pupils; from setting up, running activities, escorting people round the school, speaking to perspective parents about the school, all of which count towards achieving this pledge.

- **Pledge 6: Take part in at least three formal presentation or school assemblies**

Pupils are offered many opportunities both in and out of lessons to complete this pledge. Speaking to an audience requires confidence and excellent communication skills, and this pledge will help develop employability skills for our pupils.

Taking part in the ESB Award or in school assembly to speak about an issue important to you are just two example ways of achieving this pledge.

- **Pledge 7: Be actively involved in an international experience**

Al Khair has pupils from a variety of backgrounds. The school also has links with the wider community and this pledge is aimed at celebrating our diverse community. We are currently working towards this Pledge by offering opportunity to develop understanding of various cultures and working on collaboration with other schools via the British Council. This can be in the form of having a pen pal in a different country or taking part in in raising awareness about an important issue with a school abroad.



- **Pledge 8: Be actively involved in a community experience**

This pledge is all about being an active citizen and making an impact in your local community; this could be by volunteering, writing to your MPs about an important community issue, or via your GCSE Citizenship Action.

- **Pledge 9: To organise and actively participate in at least three fundraising event or charity event**

Throughout the year, the school has various charity events such as the Macmillan coffee morning to fundraising campaign. Pupils have opportunity to get involved in various ways from fundraising to organising events.

- **Pledge 10: Gain an award**

Colleges and employers are looking for pupils that are well rounded. Demonstrate your skill by taking in awards such as the UK Maths Challenge, ESB, Crest Awards and Duke of Edinburgh.

- **Pledge 11: To read a range of novels and complete a book review for at least one every term or choose a pledge of your choice**

Reading plays a key role in the school and pupils are encouraged to read for pleasure and challenge themselves. To meet this pledge pupils will need to complete a book review in a format of their choice either written, an art piece or a video.

Pledge 11 you can also challenge yourself and set a pledge for yourself. This should be discussed with the Enrichment Co-ordinator to ensure it meets the requirements.

Good luck!