

Merchiston Castle School Rules

Bed-rooms

1. On being called in the morning, you must immediately rise and dress.
2. When dressed, and before leaving your room, you will read your daily portion of Scripture, and say your Prayers.
3. Three minutes will be allowed, after the bell has rung, for coming down stairs; the Dining-hall door will then be closed, and the Roll called.
4. Fifteen minutes before Dinner, the bell will ring for Dressing, when you will repair to your room, take off your coat and vest, carefully wash and brush yourself, and come down when the bell rings for assembling for Dinner.
5. You must avoid all slovenliness in dressing, as unbecoming and ungentlemanly.
6. Before undressing in the evening, you will read a portion of Scripture, and say your Prayers.
7. There must be no noise in the Bed-rooms.
8. Fifteen minutes are allowed for going to bed. You must carefully fold your clothes, and then lay them neatly on your char.
9. You must not talk in your Bed-room after half-past nine.
10. You must not leave your Bed-room without permission from the Master.
11. All unbecoming or ungentlemanly conduct is strictly forbidden, and fines will be levied according to the extent and nature of the offence.
12. There is no access to the Bed-rooms during the day, except when dressing for Dinner, without permission from the Superintending Master.

Class-rooms

1. When the bell rings for Classes, all talking must cease in the Class-rooms.
2. The outer door will be locked, two minutes after the bell has been rung.
3. On entering the Class-rooms, you will at once take your place, and remain silent, until the business of the Class is begun.
4. The Classes should be in full operation three minutes after the ringing of the bell.
5. You must not disfigure or in any way injure the Class-rooms, the School Furniture, School Books, etc.
6. At no hour are noisy games allowed in the Class-rooms.
7. You must not enter the Class-rooms with your boots on, nor the Play-ground with your slippers.

Play-ground

1. The only entrance to, and exit from, the Play-ground is by the Northern Gate.
2. You must not climb trees, walls, etc.
3. You must not throw stones, etc.
4. You must not injure in any way the flower gardens.
5. You must not go beyond bounds without special permission from the Superintending Master.

NB. Any instance of the violation of this Rule will be severely punished, and immediately reported to the parents or guardians of the boys who have been guilty of it.

Library

1. All Library Books must be obtained from, and returned to the Librarian, whose duty it is to enter in the Library-book the date at which each volume has been obtained, the name of the boy to whom it has been given, and the date of its being returned.
2. No Book or Publication of any kind must be brought into the School, or read, without having been shown to and sanctioned by the Headmaster.

General

1. You must never bring into the School, or keep in your possession, food or sweetmeats of any kind.
2. If you have been detained by sickness, or any other cause, from the Morning Class, or from Morning Prayers, you must not leave the house during the day, without permission from the Headmaster.
3. If you have been confined to bed during the day, you must not leave the house on the day following without permission from the Headmaster.
4. You must always rise and dress when called in the morning; but if you feel sick, or in any way unwell, you will, immediately after having come down stairs, apprise the Headmaster, who will, if necessary, permit you to return to your room. Sudden and somewhat severe illness is the only valid apology for the violation of this Rule.
5. No loud talking is permitted during meals. The same quiet and gentlemanly demeanour must be observed that characterises the family parties in a well-ordered private household.
6. The amount of the Fines will be ascertained from month to month, and will then be handed over to the Library Committee for the purchase of additional Library Works.
7. The names of those boys who have not been fined or in any way punished throughout the week, will be enrolled in the Privileged List, and such boys only will be entitled to any unusual privileges or indulgence during the succeeding week.

You will be required to produce and exhibit to the Headmaster this Copy of Rules, after Prayers, every Monday Morning.