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Meitheal 2017 Rules

To ensure the course works well and every one has a good time, certain rules and procedures apply. Note that the rules of *Meitheal Summer School* are subject to change and may be modified at any time. Also note that regardless of age, all who attend *Meitheal* must abide by these rules

(1) Music Practice

Students must engage in a positive manner with the music and with other musicians throughout the duration of the summer school. Failure to do so may result in the student not being permitted to take part in certain activities.

(2) Discipline

Smoking - Smoking is forbidden in schools or school grounds by Irish law.

Alcohol and Drugs - the possession and consumption of alcohol and the use of drugs are strictly forbidden and warrant immediate expulsion.

Mobile Phones & electronic devices should be switched off during Meitheal activities and after lights out unless otherwise instructed. Devices are subject to confiscation if used inappropriately.

Theft and Vandalism - any pupil found stealing or vandalising property is liable to be expelled. Pupils will be charged for damages or graffiti to the school buildings, equipment, furniture, your sleeping quarter, other student's belongings or those of *Lime Tree Theatre* (concert venue) caused by them. If a group is involved and individuals not identified, the cost of repair will be apportioned by the course director.

Out of Bounds - in the interest of providing a high level of supervision for the students' own safety and for insurance purposes the following out of bounds rules apply.

(a) No student may leave the grounds of the school unless on an official organised Meitheal outing.

Meitheal Summer School will not be liable for any loss or injury that might occur should a student do so.(see also visitors/leave)

(b) Certain areas within Villiers School are out of bounds. Students will be advised of all these areas on arrival. No student may enter these out of bounds areas - the following are some examples.

(i) No boy may visit any of the girls' dormitories, and no girl may visit any of the boys' dormitories at any time.

(ii) Girls washrooms and showers are out of bounds to boys, and boys washrooms and showers are out of bounds to girls.

(iii) Students who leave their dormitory area after lights out are considered out of bounds. A breach will be treated as very serious.

Punctuality – punctuality is expected for workshops and all other *Meitheal* events and all students are expected to attend all *Meitheal* events unless specially exempted by a Director

General Behaviour - A high standard of behaviour and good manners is required at all times.

Students must obey the direction of staff. Disrespect, persistent disobedience, inappropriate sexual

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behaviour, unruly behaviour or bullying towards staff or fellow students, will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with these rules will warrant expulsion and no reimbursement of fees will be granted, no exceptions will be made. Meitheal strictly adheres to the Department of Education and Science [Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools](#) in *Primary and Post Primary Schools (2013)*.

Bedtime – Students are to be in their dorm at 11.40. Lights out at 12.00 midnight. Morning call at 8.00am. **Breakfast** – breakfast is at 8.30am.

The working day is long and intense. You will need your rest!!! Respect your roommates by not disturbing them or staff after lights out. A breach will be treated very seriously.

Dorm Rooms – Students are expected to abide by the assignment of rooms by *Meitheal* staff. Swapping of rooms etc. will not be permitted.

(3) Expulsions

If a student is in breach of the above rules so as to warrant expulsion, the course Director will immediately contact the parents' home (or the contact address they have provided in the event of their being away from home) to advise parents/guardians of the situation. THE EXPELLED STUDENT SHOULD BE COLLECTED BY HIS/HER PARENTS OR THE PERSON DESIGNATED TO ACT ON THEIR BEHALF ON THE DAY OF EXPULSION. OTHERWISE THE STUDENT WILL BE SENT HOME BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

IT IS THE PARENTS RESPONSIBILITY OR THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERSONS DESIGNATED TO ACT ON THEIR BEHALF TO ENSURE THAT A RESPONSIBLE ADULT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO RECEIVE A STUDENT THUS EXPELLED. MEITHEAL SUMMER SCHOOL ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY STUDENT FOLLOWING EXPULSION.

An expulsion comes into effect from the moment that the student is advised that he/she is being expelled. Students therefore are not advised of their expulsion until shortly before the time they are due to depart the college. It should be noted that once a student has been advised of their expulsion, he/she will not be allowed any further association with the other students.

The decision of the Course Director in relation to the interpretation and implementation of the rules and all matters in relation to discipline shall be final and binding.

Expulsions affect staff and student morale and the entire atmosphere of the course. We therefore ask both parents and students to read our rules and the section on general procedures and other information prior to making an application for *Meitheal Summer School*.