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Dear Parent/Carer

As we start the second half term of the school year, I firstly would like to say thank you for supporting us in raising the standards of behaviour and uniform over last half term. Upon reflection we had a positive start to the year and the vast majority of students have risen to our expectations, standards and have seen the impact within the classrooms and student attitudes across school.

We constantly review and adapt to make sure that the policies are fit for purpose, and in the second half term we continue to make changes needed to help drive school improvement forward. All students have received an assembly on the adaptations to policy before half term. I have outlined these below for Parents and Carers. These can be found in our updated behaviour policy on the school website.

Detentions

Whilst the vast majority of our students have responded well to the detention system, there are a small number of students who are failing to meet the standards expected and are becoming 'repeat offenders'. We support these students and work with them to provide strategies to help them self-regulate their behaviours, however, the policy has also been adapted to further deter the poor behaviour choices made.

- If a student receives an R3 (removal from lesson) a 45 minute House Leader Detention will be issued the day after.
- If a student **fails/refuses** a House Leader Detention, they will be issued a **1 hour SLT detention** on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday.
- Should a student **fail or refuse an SLT**, they will be placed in a **Head Teachers detention** on Friday **until 4.30pm**.

***Continue to fail or refuse a sanction may lead to a fixed term suspension which will be at the discretion of SLT.**

Mini Bus - Students who use the school mini bus and are considered to be repeat offenders in detention (more than **2 per week on a regular basis**) will access the Mini bus on the **second run**. Student who are on SLT or Head Teachers detention will also be on the second run. Parents/carers will be notified if your child is on the 2nd run. Parents/carers still have the option to collect their child after completion of detention.

Timings have been adapted to enable us to accommodate those students who choose to attend afterschool revision sessions and intervention.

Uniform

We have seen an improvement in uniform and we will continue to maintain the high standards seen last term, whilst tackling some minor uniform issues for the second half term. Please can I remind you of the policy which can be found on the school website. Shoes should be black and polishable. We saw an increase of canvas trainers at the end of half term which **are not** part of our Uniform policy. We will continue to contact home where uniform is not up to standard. If a student is not in the correct uniform, without a valid reason, they will be placed in Reflect.

Late marks and Equipment

We expect everyone to be punctual to lessons. Movement time is given in between lessons so students should not be arriving late. There are a small number of students that were increasingly late to lesson and are missing out on valuable learning time. From Monday 30th October the following sanctions will apply:

- R1 issued if late in to lesson
- 3 late marks within a week = House Leader Detention
- Persistently late = Punctuality/attendance reports letters home to parents/carers with details on the number of late marks receive and the minutes of lost learning time.

Every student has received a planner and should bring this to school **every day**. We use the planners in lesson to support teaching and learning so it is **vital** the student has this as part of their daily equipment. Students who forget their planner will be issued a temporary version of a planner for that day. Students who have lost their planner will be expected to buy a new one. Students who forget their planner 3 times within a week or refuse to buy a new planner, will be issued a House Leader Detention.

Once again thank you for your continued support in helping us to raise the standards and expectations within the Academy.

Yours faithfully



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