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Dear Parent / Carer,

Behaviour Update

As the new academic year is now firmly underway, I would like to thank you for your support in encouraging your child to settle back quickly into school routines, particularly the changes to the behaviour policy and our ongoing drive to raise standards and expectations.

Whilst schools do not require parental permission to impose a detention, may I take this opportunity to remind you that, if your child is set an after school same day detention (for 10 minutes), we will endeavour, as a courtesy, to inform you of this via text message; however, this may not always be possible, particularly if the detention is issued period 5.

Should your child be issued with a longer detention – Faculty 40 minutes or Whole School 60 minutes, these will be served the day after being issued.

If your child relies on public transport, as the nights will soon begin to draw in, please ensure that you have discussed and practised an alternative way home, should your child miss the bus straight after school.

There may be occasions when your child needs to contact you urgently, this can be done via the main office or the Pastoral Offices at break and / or lunch. Likewise, if you need to contact your child, please call reception and the message will be delivered.

All credit and debit information can be accessed via Insight. If you are uncertain of your log in details, please contact reception.

Your ongoing support as parents or carers is fundamental in working with us as we continue our drive to raising standards and improving outcomes. We ask for your continued support with the following:

- *Ensure your child's regular attendance and punctuality*
- *Ensure your child brings the right equipment, dresses appropriately and completes homework*
- *Ensure your child follows the school's positive Behaviour for Learning Policies*
- *Support the school in imposing sanctions, **including after school detentions – the school reserve its right to keep a child for up to 10 minutes without notice.** (If there is a significant reason why your child is not able to complete after-school detentions, this must be submitted in writing to the Headteacher.....exceptions will only be granted in very rare circumstances and the expectation remains that detentions will be completed at an alternative time either during or before the school day.)*
- *Inform the Form Tutor/ Pastoral Head/Head of College, of any circumstances which may affect your child's learning*
- *Maintain regular contact with the school through attendance at Parent's Evenings, notes in organisers, letters, emails and telephone calls as appropriate*

Please see overleaf for a reminder of our Behaviour Stages and Sanctions.

The decision of the Senior Leadership Team remains final in any behaviour sanction outcomes.

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Level 1	Sanction	Communication to parent/carer	Details will be available to see via Insight
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low level disruption in class Lack of work 	Verbal Warning from teacher + Student name on board		
Level 2 (applies to any of the following)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued failure to meet expectations Late to lesson Lack of equipment Lack of homework Incorrect uniform 	Class Teacher Detention (SAME DAY) – 10 minutes (3:05 – 3:15)	Parent to be informed via text message, where possible. NB if a student receives a detention during period 4 or 5, it may not be possible to get the message to a parent before the end of the day.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Class Teacher Detentions issued in one day 	Faculty Detention (NEXT DAY) 40 minutes (3:05 – 3:45)	Parent to be informed via text message	
Level 3 – (Type 1)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persistent disruption to Teaching & Learning Refusal to work 	Removal to Faculty Exclusion for remainder of lesson (with work to complete) and 40 -minute faculty detention set for the next day.	Parent to be informed by the class teacher, via phone call or text message or email.	
Level 3 – (Type 2)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foul or abusive language directed at member of staff / another student; Health & Safety incident – display of dangerous behaviour; Defiance – refusing to follow instructions (including handing over mobile phone or changing uniform) Inappropriate hairstyle 	Removal to Internal Exclusion, potentially for remainder of the day (including break and lunch) whilst incident is investigated; and 40 -minute faculty detention set for the next day.	Parent will be informed initially by the Pastoral Head; the outcome of the investigation will be communicated by either the Pastoral or College Head	
	Depending on the outcome of investigation, this may trigger a 60-minute Whole School Detention (3:05 – 4:05), for the next day , an extended period in internal exclusion or Fixed Term Exclusion.		
Level 4 – serious behaviour breach (This is not an exhaustive list)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Truancy Damage / vandalism Serious one-off incident (e.g physical assault; smoking) Racist language Persistent poor behaviour 	60-minute Whole School Detention (3:05 – 4:05), for the next day.	Parent to be informed via text message or phone call (from Pastoral Head)	
Failure to attend Faculty or Whole School detention	One or more of the following sanctions, depending on frequency of breach: Extended detention (next day) Internal Exclusion Second school Isolation (at the Friary) Fixed Term exclusion	Parent to be informed by phone call from Pastoral or College Head.	
Persistent failure to meet the school's expectations, will place students on a Behaviour Support Plan. Parents will be requested to attend a meeting to support their child in modifying his / her behaviour. In line with the above policy, the decision of the Senior Leadership Team is final.			

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