



Dear Parent/Guardian

December 2014

As we approach the end of a busy first term, we feel that it is important to remind you of our continued commitment and relentless drive to improve the outcomes of everyone who attends the College.

We would like to thank you for your support in improving the high uniform standards that are now expected. It is important that these are maintained as it helps to determine a positive mind-set on which to approach learning and this is vital in the raising of standards.

Your support on helping us to become a cashless school is also appreciated. The successful introduction of the online payment system; ParentPay, introduced in November, is now fully operational. If you haven't already done so, be sure to activate your account to make on-line payments or continue to use the PayPoint stores in the local area. The on-line system allows for greater communication to take place between you and the College via email, so logging onto this system is highly recommended.

Be sure to forward your latest email address to the College, by emailing your details to office@smiths-wood.solihull.sch.uk to improve our communication to you. For example, letters like this one can be emailed to you.

Our vision remains clear and strong and as we continue to raise standards and our expectations across the College, we would like your support in helping us to reinforce positive behaviour.

In order to do this, any pupil who refuses to follow instructions, which includes refusing:

- To hand over a mobile phone;
- To remove earphones;
- A Level 4 'send to';
- To attend their timetabled lesson;
- To go into isolation;

will receive one hour's detention with the Vice Principal for Upper School; Mr C Beasley, for those pupils in Years 10 and 11, or the Vice Principal of the Lower School; Mr A Deen, for those pupils in Years 7-9.

The refusal to follow simple College rules and expectations will not be accepted, and it is important that this message is clearly understood by all pupils. We trust that we have your continued support on this matter as we continue to work towards promoting our mission:

learning together  *succeeding together*


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