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Dear Parent/Guardian

It has been a while since we wrote to you regarding a change in our behaviour management systems, and following a further review, we have amended the way in which we issue college detentions.

As we are sure you are aware, all teachers in the college use a levels system to issue sanctions for poor behaviour in lessons. When a child's behaviour prevents a teacher from teaching, and their peers from learning, their teacher will issue them with a level.

There are four levels in total, and each level is awarded in chronological order.

If your child gets to a level three and their behaviour has prevented their peers from learning on three occasions in one lesson they will be issued with a fifteen minute detention, with the class teacher, on the same day. You will receive a text message alerting you to this. Failure to attend this detention will result in a one hour detention being issued the following day.

If your child gets to a level four and their behaviour has prevented their peers from learning on four occasions in one lesson they will be issued with a thirty minute detention the following day. If this is repeated in two lessons, they will be issued with a one hour detention the following day. You will receive a text message alerting you to this and your child will be given a letter to give to you. Failure to attend this detention will result in either a one hour detention the following day or a further sanction, which may include time in 'The Link'.

In addition to this, should your child receive three or more level four sanctions in a day they will be removed from lessons and will face a further sanction, which may include time in 'The Link'.

Please note that if your child is placed in the Link for detention refusal, they will still serve an hours detention and finish school at 4:30pm.

If your child has commitments after school, such as medical appointments or appointments that they are required to attend by law, on the same day as the detention, please contact the College on the above number and we will reschedule the detention for the following day. Please note that attendance to leisure activities will not be accepted as a valid reason for failure to attend a detention. If your child chooses to refuse a detention in order to attend a leisure activity this will be regarded as refusal and a further sanction will be issued.

Finally, can we once again thank the majority of you who continue to support the College's uniform policy. Pupils who are in breach of the college's uniform policy, will be isolated with their tutor, or placed in 'The Link' until the issue can be rectified. There will be further sanctions for any student who refuses to abide by the College uniform policy. Further information about the college's uniform policy can be found on our website.

If you have any queries regarding the new detention system please do not hesitate to contact us on 0121 788 4100.

Yours faithfully

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