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Dear Parents/ Carers,

RE: Internal Truancy

As a school, we are working to stamp out internal lesson truancy and will be bringing in a new internal truancy procedure. Tutees will be discussing this in-depth during tutor-time with students. Any pupil out of lesson without an out of lesson pass and an appropriate reason, will be dealt with under the internal truancy procedure.

Truancy will incur a consequence on each occasion and parents of repeating offenders will be requested to attend a meeting to discuss the situation and agree a way forward. Pupils truanting lessons will enter the behaviour system/escalate up the behaviour system and will be challenged appropriately.

Repeat issues will be treated seriously and if the pattern of behaviour continues with no positive change, despite intervention and support, this could ultimately lead to tougher sanctions being issued.

We appreciate that for the vast majority of pupils are making sure the academy rules are followed and they maintain good standards, however it is important that we address this robustly with pupils where this is a concern. Pupils cannot succeed if they are not in lessons and cannot meet their potential. I trust that we can rely on your support with this as we all want the best outcome for our children. If you would like to discuss this matter, please contact your child's Tutor or Head of Year in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Mark Foden Vice Principal.

cc: Exclusions Team, Solihull LA