



TDMS

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Behaviour Updates

Dear Parent/Carer

We have been very pleased with the behaviour our students have demonstrated from the return to school in September.

The behaviour in lessons has been excellent and this has allowed members of staff to concentrate on teaching the lesson content, rather than dealing with incidents of poor behaviour. Ultimately, this will provide more time for all students to get the help and support that they require to support their learning.

Over the course of this half term there have been a total of 1800 behaviour points issues, compared to over 8000 achievement points.

In addition to the behaviour in lessons, this half term we have also concentrated on presentation in terms of uniform standards and being prepared for learning by concentrating on equipment.

Students that present themselves to school in full school uniform show that they are ready to learn. First impressions count and we want our students entering the classroom ready to focus on the lesson material. The half term break is an excellent opportunity to resolve any uniform issues and you can find our full uniform list [here](#). If you need help or financial support with any uniform items please get in touch with the school. As the weather starts to get colder, I wanted to remind you that the school does not allow students to wear hoodies, however, a coat with a hood is perfectly acceptable. We also encourage students to wear a plain black jumper underneath their blazer if they get cold.

Lost learning time in all secondary schools across the country still has a significant impact on disruption to potential learning time. Giving out equipment may seem a small amount of time lost, however when this is added together over a week, a month, a year it is huge. Just 3 minutes lost, each lesson over a week equates to 75 minutes a week and over a school year over 48 hours of lost learning. As a school, we do everything to minimise the impact of this to ensure students have the best opportunity for success. Below is a reminder of the equipment that your child needs every day:

- Exercise books/folders
- Planner
- Pen and a spare
- Pencil
- Ruler
- PE kit (when timetabled)

We will always support the students to get it right at the start of the day. This may involve giving out equipment or lending uniform items. Once the uniform has been corrected or equipment has been handed out, it is up to our students to remain focused and they will receive a detention if they do not have the basic equipment or have uniform issues.

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After the half term break, in addition to the areas mentioned previously, we will be focusing on punctuality. Similarly, to lost learning time for equipment, a small amount of time lost at the start of a lesson, over the course of the year, can result in a large amount of lost learning. Therefore, students who arrive late to school in the morning, without a valid reason, will serve a detention during breaktime on the same day. Students late to lessons during the school day will also serve a punctuality detention.

We recognise that as winter approaches, there are always concerns regarding keeping students after school for detentions. Therefore, after the half term break, we will be making a change to our detention arrangements. C3 detentions will still remain for an hour after school. However, as much as possible we will be running lunchtime detentions for the majority of the C2 detentions. Students will be taken to get some lunch, before they go to the detention and will be supervised, with some time at the end to have a break before they return to afternoon lessons. I hope you will agree that this change will provide an additional level of safety as we move into winter and the nights after school become darker.

Thank you for your support during the first half term; as always, if you have any questions and queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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