



Clarkal/letters/new detentions/letter to parents

10 February 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Review of our detentions as part of the Academy Behaviour Policy

We have recently reviewed our detention system and as a result have simplified and streamlined it into a 3 tier structure as follows:

- Break and lunch detentions as a response to low level issues or for a conduct card misdemeanour for not meeting our basic expectations.
- Faculty and House detentions (40mins) as a response to more persistent behaviours including being removed from class into a hotspot room for disrupting learning. These will run on a Tuesday or Wednesday from 3.20 – 4.00pm.
- Academy Leaders detention (60mins) as a response to more serious behaviours, including students who fail to attend a Faculty/House detention. This will run on Friday from 3.20 – 4.20pm.

In all after school detentions students will reflect on the reasons they are being detained and the necessary changes in behaviour to be made moving forward. Students who behave in such a way that results in a Senior, Faculty or House leader detention will complete this in the main hall, in silence and be expected to commit to a slot of community service the following week. We will not tolerate students disrupting learning or the smooth running of our academy.

May I remind you that in law, the academy does not need a parent's permission to detain a child; schools no longer have to give 24 hours notice. However, given that many of our students travel to school by bus, we will continue to give parents 24 hours notice, by text and by a letter handed to the student. If the student fails to attend an after-school detention, we have the right to detain this student the following evening without notice, in order to maintain effective discipline in the academy. In this circumstance, we will contact the parent using the emergency contact number given to enable the parent to make the necessary arrangements for their child to be collected from school at the end of the detention.

Please be advised that this revised system of detentions will be in operation following this half term break. I am delighted however, to report that the majority of our students have never received an after school detention because they are self-disciplined, respectful, serious about their learning and achieving their potential.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you a lovely half term break.

Yours sincerely

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