

Dear Parent/Carer

07/02/2023

I wrote to you recently to discuss some changes to our behaviour system that would focus on our new line up procedures and subsequent merits and demerits that would be assigned to this important school routine. I am very pleased to tell you that the line-up has made dramatic improvements and almost all our students are following our high expectations, due to this they are having a much calmer start to their lessons after unstructured time.

Some students however are still arriving quite late to school in the morning, stopping at shops and making diversions on their way to school which is incurring a late detention which we want to try to avoid. Whilst we recognise in the face of significant disruption or a strike, we will make reasonable adjustments but living in a busy city also need to understand there will often be traffic and this is unavoidable. The school gates will close at 08:37 am at the start of each day and any students arriving after this time will be subject to sanction. Please ensure a good amount of time is given to the journey to school so we can start the day positively and in a timely fashion.

There are students who are still making poor choices, not coming out to the line-up, and opting instead to stay within the building or more seriously in rare cases avoiding going to lesson at all, we acknowledge as a school that this is truancy and can very quickly turn into a serious and negative behaviour pattern of avoidance.

After half term we will begin Saturday detentions for students who are truanting across the school, we are doing this to act as a deterrent recognising that students who are not in lessons or where they are supposed to be are A, potentially unsafe and B missing important learning time, neither of which I know you'll agree are acceptable.

Saturday detentions will run between 9-11 on a Saturday beginning on 25/02/2023 and you will be informed by telephone if your child needs to attend. They will have to attend in full school uniform and will be given extended learning time by a senior member of staff. We will look at important calendar dates, religious festivals etc to ensure there are no clashes and would ask for your support in this matter.

Students who fail to attend Saturday detention will be placed within the schools internal R&R room for a day and will be asked to sit the following Saturday. Please have a conversation with your child at home to ensure they are fully aware; we will discuss this with them at school also.

We recognise that this would only happen in very rare cases, and we thank you for all your support in advance.

Yours sincerely

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