

16th November 2023

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Dear parent/guardian

I am writing to inform you of changes we are making to after-school detentions, which will take effect from Monday next week (week commencing 20th November 2023).

Pupils will continue to receive a detention as a result of being awarded a C4 for poor behaviour in the classroom or around school. But there will now be three different stages of detention, as follows:

Stage 1 - 2.30-3.00.

Stage 2 - 2.30-3.30.

Stage 3 - 2.30-4.00 (Senior Leadership Team (SLT) detention).

Stage 4 - A parent meeting with a member of SLT to discuss further options. This could involve time at another school and/or a suspension, for example.

Provided that a pupil attends their scheduled detention, and behaves well in the detention, there will be no escalation to the next stage. However, non-attendance to a detention, or poor behaviour in a detention, will result in a pupil being moved to the next stage, as outlined above. It is very important, therefore, that pupils always attend their scheduled detention and conduct themselves properly.

If your child cannot attend their detention on a certain day, you must make us aware by 12pm (on the day of the detention) at the latest. You can do this either through the MCAS app or by contacting reception. We will be happy to rearrange a detention if there is good reason to do so, for example, if they have a medical appointment. Unfortunately, though, we will not be able to accept reasons such as needing to pick up siblings unless they are a registered young carer.

In relation to Year 11, there will be a slightly modified approach to take account of the fact that, most days, Year 11 attend period 6.

Stage 1 - Period 6 enrichment lesson.

Stage 2 - SLT detention (3.15-4.00).

Stage 3 - Half-day in the Reflection room, followed by an SLT detention.

Stage 4 - A parent meeting with a member of SLT to discuss further options. This could involve time at another school and/or a suspension, for example.

Pupils will be reminded of any detentions during the school day, through period 1, form time, and period 5, as well as a detention list displayed in the canteen for them to check. So, it is their responsibility to ensure that they attend.

Thank you for your continued support.

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