

Thursday, 21 November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Academic Support Sessions and Detentions**

As you are aware, to prepare your child for their upcoming GCSE mock examinations in January 2025, we have offered them a series of Academic Support Sessions. We have carefully identified students based on their current achievement in each subject, prioritising their main areas of development. Sessions have been planned to review key content and practise examination-style questions under the guidance of their teachers.

Currently, if students are issued any detentions over the course of the day for lateness or for failing to complete homework, they are expected to complete these detentions from 15:00. This could cause students to miss out on a crucial opportunity to fully prepare for their examinations and to consolidate their learning.

As a result, we will be implementing a new approach to Academic Support Sessions and detentions from **Monday, 25 November**.

Students who are issued a detention will now complete these **after** any Academic Support Sessions end at 16.00. This could mean that they are dismissed at 16:30, if they have been issued a 30 minute detention, or 17:00, if they have been issued a 60 minute detention. It is therefore crucial for all Year 11 students to maintain good levels of punctuality to and within school and for them to complete all homework set, since any detentions incurred may impact on their evening time for revision and relaxation.

It is our expectation that students fully engage with all support offered; important additional learning time is being provided to them to help prepare for their examinations. Please support the school - and your child - by ensuring they attend every session and avoid incurring any detentions.

Yours faithfully



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