

Thursday, 19 December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

At the end of the Summer Term, we asked all parents and students for their support in 'resetting' behaviour throughout the School. We focused on students:

1. **Being in the right place at the right time**
2. **Following instructions first time, every time.**

We have been extremely pleased with the positive reaction to this initiative. Student and staff focus groups have recognised an improvement in behaviour. We would like to thank all our families for their engagement in ensuring that together, we create the environment conducive to high quality learning.

As we draw to the end of the Term, we would like to remind families of our expectations so that all students make the best possible start to the year.

PUNCTUALITY

Outstanding attendance and punctuality are vital in ensuring all our students can fulfil their potential. They are the foundation on which academic success is built.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

False eyelashes, acrylic/false nails, nose piercings are not acceptable as per the School Uniform Code. We would ask that all parents discuss this with their children and arrangements are made for the removal of such items before returning to School. From January 2025, any students arriving on site wearing these infringing items will be asked to remove them using the solutions and tools available in School. Coats, scarfs and hats must be plain dark colours; hijabs/turbans and socks must be plain black or white. Fluffy socks and high fashion fad item are not acceptable.

SAME DAY DETENTIONS WITH NOTIFICATIONS VIA TRACKIT LIGHTS APP

We hope that our new simplified Behaviour Policy will continue to reinforce positive behaviour choices from our students. However, we would also like to draw to your attention that timings of detentions will change from January 2025. The duration of the first sanction issued each day will increase to **45 minutes**, whether for lateness or failure to submit homework. A second detention issued on the same day will remain **30 minutes**. We hope this will give students pause to reflect before incurring any sanctions.

We wish all our families a restful break. We trust that the new year will see students return to School refreshed and ready to achieve their personal best.

Yours faithfully

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