



19th January 2024

Detentions

Dear Parents/Carers,

At times, a minority of our students make poor or negative choices and are issued with a detention. The vast majority of our students complete these without issue or fuss. Whilst we would rather that students didn't spend any time after school, where they do, we expect them to work during this time, ensuring it is time productively spent. This also presents as an opportunity to talk with staff as part of our restorative practice work to re-build relationships and to re-establish expectations to prevent future occurrences of unwanted behaviours.

Where detentions are issued, a text message is sent home. It's vital these messages are shared with children at home to help manage their expectations of staying longer the following day. In addition, students are normally reminded of their detention during tutor time the following morning and are encouraged to make a note of it in their planner.

As per our behaviour policy, where students are present in school but miss a detention, a 1-day C4 is issued for completion in our Re-Focus Room the following day and the detention is reset.

We understand there are times when the detention is inconvenient and as a family it may be more suitable to have this arranged for a different evening. **However, we need to be clear that it is our policy to only rearrange detentions in exceptional circumstances, such as a medical appointment.** If you wish to request to rearrange a detention we must receive your request along with evidence of the booked appointment by 8.45am the following morning. All requests made without evidence will be declined and any missed detentions will result in the sanction described above.

Thank you again for your support

Yours sincerely,

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