

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of last term, we shared with you some of the responses from our student survey, which were largely positive. However, we did also share that we knew we had more work to do, particularly focusing on how some of our students move around the school so that it is a pleasant place for all. We were pleased to hear the positive responses around classroom conduct and the calm atmosphere previous changes have brought about.

The student survey was followed by a staff survey, which again was largely positive with lots of colleagues feeling like we are making continuous improvements as a school. However, like the student survey, it was felt that more could be done to encourage students to be more mindful of others as they move around the school in between lessons and at breaktime and lunchtime.

Therefore, in tutor time this week, tutors will be reminding students about the results from the student and staff survey and making them aware of a new demerit and lunchtime detention that we will be introducing from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January for poor movement around school. It will also be explained to students that if they ignore staff, or walk away from staff when they are speaking to them about their movement around school, they will receive a further sanction.

This week will be a soft launch, where, if a student is running, shouting, pushing in corridors or behaving in any way that is unsafe or distracts from learning in the classrooms, they will be spoken to by a member of staff and the demerit issued with a comment explaining what happened. It will also be explained to the student that if the same were to happen next week, they would receive a lunchtime detention as well.

This is the first phase of a longer-term plan that we have to address conduct around the school site. From next term, we will also be implementing a one-way system in some parts of the school where the corridors can get crowded and installing further magnetic locks on doors so that these narrower parts of school are not used as thoroughfares by large volumes of students.

We hope you will support us with these changes, so that all staff and students have a pleasant experience as they move around the school site.

Also, just as a reminder, with the current cold weather, all students should be wearing their school jumpers (not a hoodie) and we'd like them to have a warm, water-proof coat. All students also need to be in proper school shoes, not trainers. Finally, the basic equipment that all students should have with them each day is: a black pen, green pen, pencil, ruler, scientific calculator. If any student does not have this, they should go to their Head of Year office before morning registration.

We look forward to welcoming all our students back to school tomorrow.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Mundy and Mr Scourfield  
Assistant Headteacher

