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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the start of a new academic year.

We were pleased to see so many smiling faces amongst Year 7 students when they arrived on 6 September. The majority looked very smart in their uniform. Please be reminded of the letter sent by Mr Anders at the end of last year regarding uniform, especially the wearing of correct school trousers.

You will have heard from your son/daughter that we have revised the school's behaviour policy. The main changes are that there is no longer an IER or Progress Room. These have been replaced by a Consequences Room.

This room is equipped with booths. If a student is required to spend some time in this room he/she will spend the time copying from a text book he/she would be using in his/her normal lesson.

The main focus of the behaviour policy is the word 'consequences'. It is aimed at encouraging students to make the right decisions and choices which, in turn, will build resilience and autonomy – two key aims of the school.

If a student is issued with a detention, he/she will be given a letter about this. It is his/her responsibility to take the letter home and hand it to you so you know about the detention. We will, however, try to inform you with a text message. For this reason, I urge you to ensure your details, particularly mobile phone numbers, are accurate on our school system. From a legal point of view, schools do not need parental permission to keep a student for a detention. We will seek to try to keep you informed but want students to take more responsibility both for their actions and their consequences.

We have written to you in the past regarding requests for leave of absence. As a school we are able to grant permission for a leave of absence in special circumstances. If you wish to make a request you need to make a request in writing to Ms Bannard (Years 7 and 8) and Mrs Dare (Years 9, 10 and 11). As a school we reserve the right not to sanction a request.

In addition, we will not sanction any leave of absence, e.g. for a holiday, in Years 10 and 11. Should a student miss any school time during Year 11 as a result of a holiday, he/she will forfeit an invitation to the prom. The prom is by invitation only.

We look forward to working with you this academic year.

Yours faithfully



Sue Walker
Deputy Headteacher

