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Missing Detentions

Dear Year 8 Parent / Carer,

We hope that this letter finds you well and that you enjoyed the half-term break.

We are writing to you to make you aware of a new initiative that will be taking effect this term for Year 8 students. Although we appreciate that most students make the right decision and attend their detentions on the correct day if they are issued any, an increasing number of students choose not to attend their detentions with no valid reason. As such, we are taking measures to address this issue.

As per the school policy, if a student does not attend detention, this will escalate and the student receives additional behaviour points for missing the detention. If they fail to attend a 60-minute detention, they are issued with an Internal Exclusion sanction. This will continue to be the case, however, if a student **fails to attend 3 or more detentions in a term**, without any reason, they will be issued with a **2-hour Friday Leadership Detention as well**.

Students will be made aware of this and reminded regularly so that they are encouraged to attend detentions and avoid the sanction escalating. As always, if your child is **absent or you inform us that they have a medical appointment** for which evidence is provided, the detention will be rearranged and this does not constitute a 'missed detention'. We would be grateful if you could speak with your child about this and reiterate the importance of attending their detention on the day of issue.

Please note, the academy has a same-day sanction process. As per the DfE guidelines, we are not obliged to alert parents should we require a student to remain at school to complete a sanction. However, out of courtesy, we endeavour to send a text message to alert you to the sanction length. We advise all parents to **download the SIMS parent app**, which enables you to track sanctions issued as well as other key information.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to get in contact with us by emailing i.madill@kaa.org.uk and v.matthews@kaa.org.uk.

Yours Sincerely,

Ms Madill and Ms Matthews
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