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Dear families,

Over the past few months we have had an increasing number of parental complaints about our sanction system. I would like to take the opportunity to remind you that our academy has very clear, very high expectations, these are what secure the schools position as one of the best in Bradford in terms of outcomes for our students. When you made the choice to accept a place at Dixons Kings you accepted that these standards would be met by your child and they would be held to account if they did not meet the expectations set. I am always very clear with parents before they join our school about this. The home school agreement sets out these expectations and all parents and students have signed to say they understand this.

As a school I do not want to see students in detention, the system we have is very clear, all parents are informed about the sanctions in our Year 7 handbook, all students are informed of the processes and are very aware of what they should be doing to meet our expectations. Instilling good learning habits increases the chance of your child succeeding and taking responsibility for their learning. The majority of students never get a detention, they simply follow all expectations, there are a small number who struggle to meet the very basic expectation and this leads to an escalation in the processes.

There are some very simple things your child can do reduce the chance of getting a detention:

1. Perfect uniform – Our uniform policy is simple, we expect all students to wear the correct uniform with pride
2. On Task – Students should follow the instructions of any member of staff first time, every time. Your child is here to learn therefore this is vital to ensuring they are not disturbing the learning environment for anyone else.
3. No answering back – As a parent I am sure you would not allow your child to answer back, this rule is the same for any adult at Dixons Kings.
4. Punctuality – Be on time to school at the start of the day. Students must be here and in their line up at 8am, this means they must set off in time to be here. Ideally if students were here for the latest 7:50am they would avoid the chance of being late.
5. Complete all homework – Homework is an important part of school life, all homework is recorded in the students planner and needs to be completed. Parents should regularly check the child's planner and ensure all Homework is being completed.
6. Equipment – The equipment list is clear and there is no reason for any item to be missing, this is something that can be checked every night. We have an equipment shop open every morning so there are no excuses.

From this week an update will be sent home via MCAS showing the number of detentions that have been issued for each of the above categories, this will help you to understand what your child is getting detentions for. We really want to see the number of detentions reducing and we hope this process will help this happen.

In addition to this, you will receive a weekly attendance report via MCAS. Attendance is critical to your child's achievement, wellbeing and their wider development. The academy expectation for attendance is 98% and above.

These can be found in the 'reports' section of the MCAS app.

We want the very best for your child in the time they are at Dixons Kings, following these simple steps will help to ensure your child has the very best education and secures the very best outcomes possible.

Should you require any further details from us please contact myself at info@dixonska.com

Kind regards



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Principal

