

23rd October 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 7 Detentions

I hope your daughter has enjoyed her first half term with us at The Holt. The first seven weeks are an important time for settling in, making new friends and getting used to what life is like in secondary school.

During this time, your daughter should have become acquainted with our school site as well as learning about our rules and routines. She will also have started to complete home learning and will understand the importance of meeting deadlines. Students have been receiving Recognition Points in large numbers as a sign of how well they are doing in their new settings.

Now that this settling in period has elapsed, Year 7 students will be issued detentions after the half-term break if they are late to school, forget equipment, do not hand in home learning on the day it is due, or wear their uniform incorrectly. This is in line with our behaviour policy for the rest of the school.

The lengths of detentions are as follows:

- Not handing in completed home learning on the day it is due = 30 minutes
- Forgetting PE kit or Food Technology ingredients = 30 minutes
- Forgetting any other equipment (this includes a reading book) = 15 minutes
- Being late to registration or assembly = 10 minutes
- Wearing uniform incorrectly (including hair down, trainers, additional jewellery and taking blazer off without permission) = 30 minutes

All of the above detentions take place after school in L6. You will be notified by email, at least 24 hours in advance, if your daughter has been issued a detention. It is important that she attends the detention on the date specified in the email.

Detentions may also be set as a consequence of other breaches of our behaviour policy, or by subject staff as a result of unsatisfactory work in class. Again, we will let you know of these detentions in advance.

Please support us by encouraging your daughter to use her planner to record details of home learning and to use the SIMS Student app. You can keep track of your daughter's home learning via the SIMS parent app. Please encourage your daughter to pack her bag the evening before school and to complete home learning on the evening it is set when possible.

We want to support Year 7 in being organised with their time and learning to get the most out of their studies at The Holt.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Gemma Priddy
Head of Year 7