

23rd September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Change to Detention System

We believe that every student at Castle Hall Academy has the right to learn, the right to respect and the right to feel safe. We will do this by ensuring that there are no interruptions to lessons, we provide a safe and happy learning and working environment, with the right conditions for academic, emotional and behavioural development for the whole academy community.

Detentions are an important sanction that are used by the academy to maximise academic progress by ensuring that students are up to date with all learning, and as part of the academy's Behaviour for Learning Policy. The purpose of detentions at the academy is to provide an opportunity for students to reflect upon and correct any issues that have arisen during the day.

A change to the detention system means detentions will be on the same day from 3rd October 2019.

Educational research shows same day detentions allows students to reflect and better understand why the sanction was given and that consequences of their actions are immediate. This allows the student to start the next day with a 'clean slate' and allows us to embed our approach towards a positive mind set for all students.

Detention information is as follows:

- **Late Detention (30 minutes)** - issued if students are not in the academy building by 8:25am, lesson 1 starts at 8:30am prompt. The academy gate closes at 8:25am. May I remind you that the academy is open from 7.45am if an earlier drop-off supports your family circumstances.
- **Home Learning Detention (30 minutes)** - issued if students do not hand in their home learning or if it is incomplete.
- **Removal from Class Detention (30 minutes)** - will be issued if students have to be removed from a class because their behaviour is unacceptable, in line with the academy's' Behaviour for Learning Policy.

Data so far this academic year shows that 96% of students would not be affected by the detention system.

Only students who fail to meet the academy's high expectations will complete detentions. We ask that you fully support the academy in ensuring your child meets their full potential and does not stop other students reaching theirs.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Brook
Headteacher

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