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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Return to school and change to Detention Procedures.**

We are looking forward to welcoming all students back on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Please ensure students are in full school uniform and have with them their core equipment of black pen, pencil, ruler, pencil case and a sensible school rucksack (no handbags). A reminder of uniform and expectations can be found [here](#).

We also wish to inform you of an important change to how we manage detentions at Shuttleworth College, which will come into effect from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

From this date forward, all break and lunchtime detentions will no longer take place. Instead, all detentions will be held after school.

There are several reasons for this change, all of which reflect our commitment to creating a more positive, supportive, and purposeful environment for our students.

Firstly, we want our school to remain a calm and encouraging space throughout the day. By removing detentions from break and lunchtime, we can better focus on building positive relationships between staff and students, rather than using these periods for sanctions.

Secondly, we strongly believe that students need their social time during the day. Breaks and lunchtimes are valuable opportunities for them to relax, spend time with friends, and recharge between lessons. Protecting this time contributes to their wellbeing and helps them to engage more positively in their learning.

Finally, moving all detentions to after school gives staff the opportunity to speak with students calmly and reflectively during the detention. These conversations are aimed at helping students understand what went wrong and how to improve moving forward, helping to strengthen relationships and prevent issues from reoccurring.

There may, however, be occasions where it is necessary to remove a student from circulation at break or lunch. This will only happen if deemed essential for the student's safety, wellbeing, or to ensure the smooth running of the school day. Should this occur, parents/carers will be contacted and informed of the situation.

We appreciate your support in working with us to uphold high standards and support all students to be successful, respectful, and ready to learn.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L. Pennington'.

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