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WESTBOURNE  
ACADEMY

Principal - Mr Garry Trott

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Dear Parents

Remember to tell us if  
you have recently  
changed your mobile  
number or moved house!



### Principal's Bulletin – Summer Term 2018

I hope this letter finds you well and that you had an enjoyable Easter break. Many thanks to those Year 11 parents who supported the attendance of their child at the Easter GCSE revision sessions. I am also grateful to staff who were willing to facilitate these sessions during the Easter break.

On the 14 March, the academy received a monitoring visit from Ofsted. The purpose of the visit was to ensure that we are making progress in our improvement areas from the last inspection in December 2016. The letter from Her Majesty's Inspector (HMI) will be published on Friday 20 April. I am pleased to be able to share with you that the visit went very well. The Inspector, Mr Daniel Gee, commented and acknowledged that:

- *'Senior leaders, governors and the Trust are taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement identified at the last section 5 inspection in order for the school to become good.'*
- *'Pupils' outcomes have improved significantly. In 2017, pupils' overall progress at the end of key stage 4 was in line with the national average'*
- *'Leaders have acted effectively to bring about improvements in the progress of pupils with special educational needs (SEN) and/or disabilities.'*
- *'Leaders are accurate in their assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of teaching and their records show that the overall quality of teaching is continuing to improve.'*

The monitoring visit also left us with some areas to further develop and I will write to you later on this term to outline the actions we will have put in place to support our ongoing improvement.

A continual aspect of our development is to ensure that all our students are focused in lessons and free from distraction. Behaviour continues to improve at the academy and we now intend to focus on further reducing the amount of disruption that can impact on learning in lessons. We believe that all students have the right to be able to learn in every lesson, free from disruption or the poor behaviour of others. From today, we are therefore modifying the consequences of disruption during lesson. In summary:

1. If a student is sent out of a lesson for disruption during periods 1 to 4, they will be given a 40-minute lunchtime detention that day. Students who buy lunch at the academy will be able to order a baguette, dessert and drink. Those students who have a packed lunch, will be able to eat it during that detention.
2. If a student is sent out of period 5, they will attend a 40-minute detention the same day after school. Our academy staff will contact you if your child has one of these detentions.
3. If a student is departmentally isolated, then they will sit an hour's detention on that same day after school. Our academy staff will contact you if your child has one of these detentions. Departmental isolations are when the level of disruption is so severe, that the student is removed to another class.



4. If a student has two sent outs or two departmental isolations in a day, they will be isolated in our isolation room. They could be kept for up to an hour after school and our academy staff will contact you if your child is kept after school. Being put into isolation will result in a parental meeting being held with a member of the leadership team. Being put into isolation is a sign that there is significant disruption across a range of lessons which needs to be addressed and overcome.

I hope that you will support this drive to further ensure that lessons are purposeful and that effective learning can take place. I am sure you will agree that our teachers need to be able to focus on teaching, rather than dealing with lesson disruption.

I look forward to a successful half term, which sees the final preparations for GCSE exams, confirmation of Year 9 pathway choices and Year 7 parent's evening on Thursday 3 May.

Yours sincerely



G Trott  
Principal



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