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Dear Parent and Carer,

Behaviour Update

In November 2016 we launched a new behaviour system. The students, staff, parents and carers have responded very well and feedback of the new system shows us that behaviour has improved and in turn has had a positive effect on learning. The new system has been under constant review and is regularly evaluated to ensure it is as effective as possible. As a result of the latest evaluation, we have made a few subtle changes that we wanted to make you aware of. The general principles and the purpose of the system will remain the same, as will many of the processes that you have become familiar with. Many of the changes apply directly to the classroom. A full version of the updates will be available on the website, however we felt it important to highlight a few of the changes to parents and carers via letter.

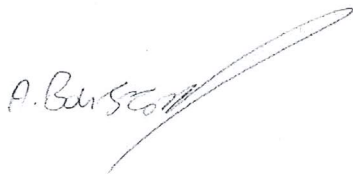
New stages in system	How this has changed
C1 – Verbal warning. This is a warning and if behaviour is rectified then no further action will be taken.	C1 used to be the raising standards card. The raising standards card is now a Choices card and this has also become double sided for the reward of Virtues to be given. If the negative side of the Choices card is completed, this will lead to a C4 detention.
C2- 15 minute detention at break time or lunchtime is issued. If verbal warning is ignored and unwanted behaviour is repeated.	This is the same as the previous system.
C3 – 30 minute departmental detention issued either lunchtime or after school. <i>This is issued if the C2 detention did not change the behaviour and learning was still disrupted.</i>	C3 – This used to be a centralised 45 minute after school detention. It has changed to allow more intervention in the departments where the behaviour occurred.
C4 – 1 hour after school detention on a Tuesday or Thursday. Parents/Carers informed via text message. This will only be used if students do not respond to the previous 3 levels or fail to attend the detentions set.	C4 – This used to be a 2 hour after school detention on a Wednesday with the Year Leader
C5 – 2 hour after school detention on a Friday with a member of the leadership team.	C5 – This did not exist in the old system.

All students will be given an assembly on Monday 16 April to inform them of the updates to the system, which will take effect from after the Easter break. An updated version of the behaviour policy with the amendments highlighted will go on to the website for parents and carers to view if they wish.

It is important to note that relatively few of our students are in after-school detention on a given day, as standards of behaviour are high across the school. Our rewards processes, introduced last September, place increasing emphasis on the benefits of behaving well in school, and we, as a school, want to continue to celebrate the vast majority of our students who behave well day in and day out.

Once again we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in maintaining high standards in order to allow all our students to thrive whilst at St Edward's.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Bousfield', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Mr A Bousfield
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