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Dear Parent/Guardian

Years 7 – 10 - Change to Behaviour Detentions

The change last year to a centralised detention system affects very few of our students. However, for the minority that do receive detentions we are making an amendment that we want you and the students to be aware of.

Currently, if students receive a 1-hour detention, we provide them with 2 chances to complete this. Most students attend the detention at the first opportunity, turning up on time and completing homework or reading during the hour. However, we are aware that some students are deliberately not turning up to the first detention and waiting until the second chance. This is removing capacity from the detention system, which delays when detentions can occur for other students. Feedback from parents and our pastoral team is that we are all keen for detentions to be served as close to the incident, so they have the most impact.

In order to address this issue from May Half Term the second chance detention is now being removed and any student not attending a 1-hour detention, will then be placed in our Reflection Room for half a day. As always, we are keen to support the students to attend and we will be:

- Talking to them about this in assembly.
- Continuing to remind them of any detention in tutor time.
- Messages will continue to be sent to you via the Parent App.
- Students will be encouraged to download the Student App to their phones as well if they haven't already done so.

Please support us in reminding your child if they have a detention and if you don't have access to the My Child at School Parent App already, I have included further information below.

My Child at School Parent App (MCAS)

We use the MCAS parent app, to send you messages about a wide range of information including house points, detentions, and school reports. If you haven't already done so, the app can be downloaded for free from app stores and has functionality on both Apple and android smartphones. Instructions on how to access the app can be found [here](#). Alternatively, parents can access the desktop site with the following instructions [here](#)

We thank you in advance for your support with this and should you encounter any difficulties in setting up the app for your child please contact the school on the following email address mesmcas@maidenerleghtrust.org and a member of the team will be able to support you.

Yours sincerely

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