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Dear Parents/Carers

Resetting Expectations

Since March 2020 our young people and your families have experienced a significant level of disruption across almost every facet of daily life – with Education very much part of that. Our students have had to get used to remote learning, multiple restarts at school, further periods of lockdown, live lessons and changes to the way we do everyday things.

Since returning from successive lockdowns the School has permitted some relaxation to certain areas of School life, such as uniform, and has made reasonable adjustments for supporting young people whose behaviour may have been affected by being out of School for so long and therefore less well regulated. The majority of students have handled the disruption to School very maturely, they have continued to attend on time, engage fully in their learning and make the most from circumstances that have continued to change – and for that we thank them. There remain a few areas of School life which still need to be tightened up and the purpose of this letter is to clarify this.

During this week's assemblies students have been hearing from Senior Staff about the areas where we need to continue to improve. In particular this was a focus upon ensuring:

- That all students attend School on time and arrive in tutor period punctually
- That all students transition between lessons in a timely fashion and get to lesson punctually
- That all students wear the correct uniform all the time
- That all students are reminded there are no mobile phones permitted to be used on the school site during the school day

From January the School is changing its detention system such that any detentions set will be served on the same day and not the next day as currently – whether this relates to one of the reasons above or any other behaviour. Students are aware that they need to be responsible for their behaviour and that they will jeopardise whatever plans have been made after school if their behaviour is not meeting expectations. If there are exceptional circumstances where this causes issues for families then they should contact the appropriate Year Leader.

During the assemblies staff also explained the range of positive rewards that we are looking to put into place this year to recognise all the ongoing hard work, effort and involvement our students have in the daily life of School.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support with this and in ensuring that the School continues to uphold the highest possible standards in the pastoral care that it gives to the young people we work with.

If you have any queries regarding any of these changes, please email admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk and the appropriate person will contact you.

Yours sincerely

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