12th October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this finds you all well. So, over the last couple of weeks, we have seen a real challenge, especially in upper school, with disengagement and refusing to learn. We know that as the term progresses everyone is getting tired, but we are desperate to use every minute we have to help our boys to fill any gaps in their learning from years gone by, as well as support them in making progress towards their futures.

As a result, along with challenging the language which had increased as I’ve mentioned before, I am asking for your support once more. We are looking at tweaking our behaviour policy and we will be stepping up some of the sanctions. One of these, as a last resort, will now be after school detentions. We really do not want to use these, but I think after one or two have happened, hopefully the message will spread to everyone, and it will not be necessary moving forward. Our aim is to run these on Tuesday evenings the following week, 2:45pm until 3:30pm, but we will always book this with you as it will impact transport. This is of course not something that will be used if a pupil is in crisis, or it is down to any need, it will only be used when it is about chosen refusal to engage and all other attempts to resolve the issue have failed. I really hope to have your support as always to help us nip this in the bud now.

We also had a whole school assembly on Monday afternoon where I discussed conduct and behaviour in school with everyone and was very clear that the language, disrespectful behaviour, and damage to the school needed to stop. We know that in crisis, things can happen, and, in these moments, we will only ever support our boys with whatever they need. But this is very much about the chosen behaviours.

As always, thank you for your amazing support, it really is appreciated and if anyone has any worried do not hesitate to give me a call.

Kind Regards

Adam Dabin

Headteacher