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Standards and Expectations

At Tarleton Academy we are proud of our high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. Occasionally it is necessary for us to remind our students of these standards and refresh their understanding of our expectations.

From next Monday we will be starting a series of whole-school focus weeks during which we will look at one aspect of school life and focus on ensuring that it is maintained at the highest standards. Our first focus will be on **school uniform**. We have spoken to our students about this during our tutor time programme this week and made them aware of the value we place on them looking smart.

Our uniform is an important way in which we identify ourselves as a school family. It promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life, including a genuine sense of readiness to work with a focused frame of mind.

Our expectation is that all students wear their uniform correctly and with pride. For example, shirts tucked into trousers, skirts not rolled up, and I have asked all of our staff to be extra vigilant in this regard next week and going forward. For those students who choose not to wear their uniform as requested, staff will be applying negative uniform points on ClassCharts, as per our behaviour policy.

In coming weeks will be focusing on;

- Presentation of classwork
- Unstructured time behaviour
- The use of good manners around school
- Equipment for learning
- Achievement points
- Punctuality
- Positive attitude to learning

In addition to our focus weeks, we will also be looking to secure the same high standard of behaviour around the school during our unstructured time (breaktime, change of lessons, lunchtime) as our students display in their lessons. To support this, we are introducing an Unstructured Time Warning to our ClassCharts system. This is the out-of-class equivalent to a negative warning which a student may receive for poor behaviour in class.

Currently our only sanction for poor behaviour during unstructured time is a detention, however we feel by aligning the out-of-class behaviour system to the in-class system our students will be better equipped to make the right choices.

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Similar to the In-Class Warning, an Unstructured Time Warning will contribute to a student receiving an after-school detention which would be given if four warnings of any kind are awarded within a week.

Examples of when an Unstructured Time Warning may be awarded;

- Silly/disruptive behaviour at break or lunch
- Non-compliance with a member of staff on duty
- Failure to move between lessons in a 'timely' fashion

I would like to thank you for your continued support of Tarleton Academy and the steps we are taking to ensure the highest standards are maintained in all aspects of school life.

Yours faithfully,

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