

Dear Blaise families,

It has been inspiring to see how well the students have returned since half - term. As ever the students at Blaise High School are impeccably behaved, polite, well mannered and kind to one another. It has been brilliant to see all of them returning to school routines as if they never left, and all year groups talk about the assessment process with excitement, and a real desire to improve and do their very best. We have been especially impressed with Y11 in the build up to their mocks.

I am writing to you with regards to an amendment to our behaviour policy that we have made in discussion with our governors. The amendment provides greater clarity on after school detentions. Please note the section below, and the attached policy:

## **Detentions:**

As a school, we will not issue break or lunchtime detentions. In their place will be a standard after school centralised detention. Detentions will run after the school day for all students. A standard detention lasts for 30 minutes. This will be centrally supervised by the pastoral team and behaviour team. Detentions will be issued for either missed or insufficient homework, for being late to school in the mornings and for failing to have the necessary equipment for learning which includes a book to read each day. A further detention may run from 3:05pm – 4:35pm on a Friday with Senior Staff.

As you know the school day for Years 7 - 10 finishes at 3pm, so their detention finishes at 3:30pm, and the school day for Year 11 finishes at 4pm, so their detention finishes at 4:30pm.

We will continue to operate champions' hour to support children who require additional support with homework and students will engage in community service where required.

I hope that this provides even greater clarity for our parents. Please do ensure that you have access to class charts in order to be able to check in on your child's behaviour, both positive and negative, throughout the day.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully,

Mr T Killigrew Deputy Headteacher

