



Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: Standards letter

I am writing to share the outcomes of our weekly standard checks which are carried out by your child's form tutor and remind each other of the standards we have set on hotspot and college detentions, uniform, mobile phones, attendance, and punctuality as we move into half term four.

1. Hotspot detention (Same day 30mins)

The academy has the clear legal authority to detain pupils without the consent of parents, however as a courtesy to parents, we provide a text message notification in the instance of any detentions. The academy operates a same-day detention system. Pupils must attend detentions to complete a restorative conversation with the teacher, but also to reflect and become accustomed to the high standards of behaviour we expect of them. ***Pupils who miss detentions will be dealt with by a series of higher-level sanctions.*** A hotspot sanction can occur at any time without a penalty 'focus' or refocus. ***Hotspot detentions take place every day from 3:15-3:45pm.***

2. College detention (Monday & Thursday 45mins)

Pupils will receive a college detention for various reasons e.g. failure to attend hotspot detentions, failure to meet uniform standards, failure to follow or meet expectations or arriving late to a lesson/Tuancy (10 minutes or more). Parents are informed of detentions via text message. ***College detentions take place on Monday & Thursday from 3:15-4:00pm.***

3. IER sanctions (9:15 – 3:45pm)

An IER sanction is reached by a gradual process of continued unacceptable behaviour or through the committing of a misdemeanour which is considered sufficiently serious to warrant such an immediate sanction.

- Internal exclusion can also be issued for:
 - A pupil receiving 2 x hotspots in 1-day.
 - Failure to meet expectations in detention.
 - Failure to attend multiple detention in 1-week period.
 - Failure to attend a reset College detention.
 - Failure to meet expectations in IER.
 - Persistent failure to meet standards on uniform and appearance.

4. Uniform and appearance:

We are a uniformed school, and we want to continue to see our pupils wearing their uniform with pride. Parents and carers play a significant part in helping us to maintain our high standards, therefore, ***it is important that all parents send their children to school in full support of the uniform policy.*** Pupils who do not adhere to our standards in relation to uniform will receive an appropriate sanction or some cases, ***pupils will be sent home to correct their uniform.*** Form tutors will continue to complete uniform checks every Monday morning during tutor time.

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There are two main items which I would like to highlight so that we can correct over the break, if necessary.

Footwear:

Shoes should be plain black leather with a maximum heel height of 5cm and maximum sole thickness of 2cm (heel is measured from the ground to the welt up the back of the heel).

No coloured logo. Boots are also not allowed.

Ties:

Too many pupils do not wear school ties. This is because they have left them at home or have lost them. It is important for parents to monitor uniform at home and check that their child has all the necessary items of uniform to meet the standards expected from the academy.

Hairstyles and piercings:

Pupils are not allowed to wear ear, nose, tongue, or other piercings. If they have any visible piercings or retainers, these must be removed before the school day.

The use of a plaster to cover any of these items is also prohibited.

Nail varnish and nail or eyelash extensions are not permitted.

Hair should be kept neat and tidy, and any hair accessories should be small.

Extreme hairstyles e.g. unnatural colours or patterns are not allowed.

Hair or eyebrows should not be shaved with lines.

Please be mindful of this expectation as pupils tend to get new hairstyles and piercings over the holidays. ***Pupils will not access any lessons and will remain in isolation until these issues are corrected. In some cases, pupils will be sent home if we require parents to support us in meeting these standards.***

5. Equipment

All pupils are expected to come to school ready to learn every day. This means they must arrive with the equipment they need to be successful learners. This includes their school planner, stationary, PE kit and a school bag large enough to carry everything they need. Pupils who fail to meet these requirements will receive an appropriate sanction.

6. Mobile phones

The academy operates a no mobile phone policy at school. Pupils are not permitted to use mobile phones to contact anyone during the school day. If a mobile phone is seen at school, it will be confiscated and returned only when they complete a same-day afterschool detention. ***Similarly, we ask that parents do not contact your child during school hours and use the appropriate channels.***

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Social media has a detrimental effect on pupils both emotionally and academically. Your child attends the Academy to learn and make the most of all the wonderful opportunities available to them and I am certain you do not want social media to affect this experience.

7. Attendance & punctuality

Attendance and punctuality remain a high priority for the school and something we take very seriously. We will continue to work hard with parents to ensure that every child has good attendance and meets the school target of 96%.

- Pupils receive a same-day detention if they arrive late to school.
- Pupils receive a same-day detention (30mins) if they arrive late to lessons without reason (5mins).
- Pupils will receive a College Detention if they arrive 10 minutes (or more) late for a lesson/Truancy.

Punctuality is important. Arriving late to school and to lessons is very disruptive for the teacher and other class members. It also means that late pupils miss important input from teachers. Please be aware that AM registration is at **8.30am** so ***it is important that pupils are in school for 8.20am.*** If, for whatever reason, your child will be arriving late please call Students Services to inform them. This is an exciting time for Tudor Grange Samworth Academy, and I have always appreciated the support from parents and carers. The standards we set will benefit your pupils. We are a 'good' school and eager to improve further. I am determined to do the very best for the pupils at the school and the pupils will be at the heart of all the decisions that are taken.

I appreciate your continued support and look forward to working with you this term.

Yours sincerely

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