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Dear Families

Update on Behaviour and Rewards Protocols

We hope you and your family have had an enjoyable half term.

Upon our return, we would like to take this opportunity to update you on the new behaviour and rewards protocols we put in place from September and have further revised for this coming half term.

At Stowmarket High School, we expect all students to behave in a way that creates an environment where:

- staff can teach to the best of their abilities;
- students can learn and achieve to their maximum potential;
- all members of the school can work in a safe place;
- staff, students, parents/carers and visitors can enjoy and be proud of their association with Stowmarket High School.

We must have high expectations of our students and we will ensure our students recognise that for every choice or action, there is a consequence. Where a student's behaviour has not met our expectations, the consequences in and out of the classroom are as follows:

- C1 (first warning): the student's behaviour has not met our expectations and it is recorded on Go4Schools.
- C2 (second warning): the student's poor behaviour has continued further and it is recorded on Go4Schools.
- C3 (third warning): the student's poor behaviour has persisted; support is requested and it is recorded on Go4Schools. A 15-minute detention is issued for lunchtime the following school day in room 1.10.
- C4 (instant removal): due to a single serious student misconduct event, support is requested and it is recorded on Go4Schools. A minimum of a 45-minute detention is issued for after school the following school day (except Fridays) in the Activity Studio.

To support the after-school detentions, there are late buses available that can return students to Combs Ford, Needham Market, Barking, Willisham, Ringshall, Wattisham and Battisford. All students are expected to attend their after-school detention unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Alongside this, we also recognise the importance of students being rewarded for going "above and beyond". To this end, we also have the following in place to recognise our students:

- Merits – these are issued by staff via Go4Schools and can lead to incremental tiers of award (Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum).
- Above and Beyond Postcards - staff will regularly issue postcards of praise to the students in class to bring home.
- Emails / Calls Home – staff are also encouraged to make regular phone calls home and send positive emails recognising our students.

Lastly, we welcome your support with making sure students meet our high expectations and are proud of their association with Stowmarket High School by wearing the correct uniform. We have had issues with small numbers of students wearing facial piercings, leggings and hoodies. Please be reminded of our uniform expectations on our website and that persistent failure of students to adhere to these will result in sanctions: [Uniform | Stowmarket High School](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support. We welcome any feedback and ask this, together with any concerns or queries, is directed to your child's form tutor.

Yours faithfully

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