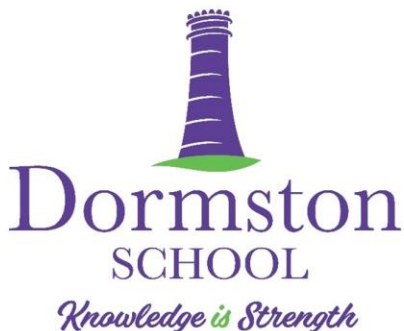


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ALL YEAR 9 PARENTS/CARERS



Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 9 Behaviour and Punctuality System Update

I am writing to provide an update regarding the bespoke behaviour and punctuality system that was introduced for Year 9 earlier this term.

This system has now been running for the past five weeks, and I would like to thank you for your support during this time. We are pleased to share that the impact has been extremely positive. The vast majority of Year 9 pupils have responded brilliantly, and the consistency of routines has helped to ensure that learning time is protected and expectations remain clear.

As a result of this success, we will continue to run this system for the foreseeable future as part of our ongoing commitment to preparing students fully for the transition into Key Stage 4.

Year 9 Behaviour and Punctuality Procedures

Pupils will continue to follow these procedures:

- Late to registration (without valid reason): 30-minute detention;
- Late to lesson: 30-minute detention;
- Parked from a lesson: 30-minute detention;
- Two behaviour events in one day: 30-minute detention;
- If a pupil receives two 30-minute detentions in the same day, they will complete a 1-hour detention.

All detentions will take place on the same day. Missed detentions will follow the school's normal escalation procedures.

In addition:

- Four behaviour events in one day will result in a suspension;
- More than eight behaviour events in one week will also result in a suspension.

New Addition

To strengthen the impact of the system further, we have introduced one additional measure:

- If a student receives three detentions in one week, they will be housed at another school.

This change ensures that the small minority of pupils who continue to disrupt learning are supported appropriately, while the learning environment remains calm and focused for all.

Thank you again for your continued support. Working together, we can ensure that Year 9 continue to thrive and approach Key Stage 4 with maturity, confidence, and strong routines.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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