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Dear Parent/ Carer

I would like to thank you for your support this year as we have tackled the new school day and detention system. As I am sure you will be pleased to hear, our day remains the same for the forthcoming academic year and I ask that you continue to ensure that your son/ daughter arrives in school well before the bell that rings at 8.40am. Students arriving after 8.45am will be marked late and we will continue to issue detentions once a young person is late on two occasions. This detention will now be on a set evening with his/her Year Leader and will be 45 minutes in duration. As from September any student who misses **any** detention will be issued with a 1 hour detention with SLT on a Friday after school.

We continue to be very pleased with the standard of uniform that our students wear and again thank you for the support that you have shown in upholding these standards. As you prepare to buy new uniform please remember that the footwear must be a shoe and not a trainer. The shoe must be totally black and have **no white/ reflective** lines on them. Trousers must not be skinny and hairstyles must be of one natural colour and no tramlines or extreme cuts. Please refer to the school website and the **Uniform checklist** before you purchase anything new.

We are pleased to announce that in September we will have new gates on St Paul's Road. This will ensure that the school is locked throughout the school day and all Safeguarding requirements are met.

We are also pleased to introduce a new achievement system which will be implemented from September. This aims to recognise all students who work hard and try their best in the work that they do.

Firstly student's efforts will be recognised in every lesson. Teachers have expectations that all students will try hard, listen and get involved in the learning activities. They will be awarded 2 achievement points should they do this. If their efforts have exceeded expectation, they will be upgraded to 3 points. However if they do not meet the minimum expectation, this can be downgraded to 1 or 0 points. Teachers will use their experience and professional judgement to award points. Unless students are attending a recognised school event, absences will not be recognised.



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Every half term the points are counted and categorised into a Gold, Silver and Bronze Standard, recognition will be given accordingly, through half termly assemblies.

- Gold Standard- students will gain certificates in assembly, names rolled out on the Wood Green TV and a treat which will change each half term
- Silver Standard- will receive postcards home from the form tutor
- Bronze Standard receive a letter home

Each **half term** the points revert back to 0, so each half term, every student can work harder to gain enough to get in to the Gold Standard.

If students gain 4 Gold Standard awards in one academic year, they will receive a Headteacher's Award

All students who gain 97% attendance over **a term** will be entered for a prize draw to win cinema tickets.

In addition Heads of Department will nominate 2 pupils to receive a Department award. This may be based on the number of achievement points or progress of a targeted group of students, which a department have been working with.

The second strand will recognise the personal development of our students. This is achieved through the work they do on SHAPE days, through form time and extra-curricular activities, therefore attendance to these sessions is paramount. Their development is judged by the experience of form tutors, using the ASPIRE programme which stands for the following:

A- Appreciate the world around us.

S- Support and be supportive to others

P- Have pride and respect for oneself and others

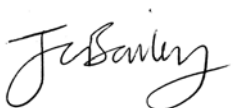
I- Be inspired and inspire others.

R- Demonstrate resilience when facing challenges.

E-Demonstrate emotional control.

I hope that you have a restful and enjoyable summer and we look forward to working with you and your son/ daughter in September.

Yours



Mrs J Bailey

Deputy Headteacher