

DSK/RMW

2nd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Behaviour Policy 2026-27

Information for Parents and Carers

High standards • Clear choices • More recognition

As we start the new school year, we are making some changes to our behaviour system. Our standards remain high, but the new system is designed to be simpler, clearer and less punitive for minor issues. It also gives students more chances to make positive choices and includes more rewards for getting things right.

Please talk through these changes with your child before they return to school. Your support is very important. Students need to understand that their choices matter and that sanctions can be avoided by making the right choices during the day.

What is changing?

Points in one day	What happens
-5 points	20-minute detention
-10 points	40-minute detention
-15 points	Isolation

Minor behaviour issues will now usually add negative points rather than leading straight to a detention. A lesson removal is now worth -5 points. This means students can take responsibility, reset their behaviour and make positive choices so that further sanctions do not build up.

- **Detentions must be attended.** If a student does not attend a detention, the sanction will increase and may lead to isolation.
- **Lesson avoidance is not acceptable.** Students who avoid lessons will usually be taken to our RFC room and removed from normal lessons for the rest of the day.
- **Repeated or failed lesson removals lead to RFC.** Two lesson removals in a day, or failing to follow a lesson removal, will also normally result in a day in RFC.

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“Everything is possible for one who believes” Mark 9:23

- **Isolation now finishes at 4.00pm.** This includes the detention that is served as part of the isolation day.
- **There will be more rewards.** We want to recognise students who work hard, meet expectations and make positive choices.

Standards that are not changing

Uniform: Students must arrive in the correct academy uniform and keep it correct throughout the day.

Mobile phones: Students must follow our mobile phone expectations, including putting phones into their pouches as required.

Helping students understand the new system

On Wednesday 2nd September, students will have dedicated time to learn about the changes. We will explain the system in assemblies and complete activities in form time so that every student understands what is expected, how the points system works and how to make positive choices.

• How parents and carers can help

- Read and discuss the new expectations with your child.
- Make sure they understand that detentions must be attended.
- Support us with high standards of uniform, punctuality, lesson attendance and mobile phone use.
- Encourage your child to make positive choices and take responsibility when things go wrong.

We believe these changes will make our behaviour system easier to understand, more consistent and more focused on helping students make good choices. At the same time, we will continue to act firmly when behaviour affects learning, safety or the smooth running of the academy.

Thank you for working with us to make sure every student is ready for a positive and successful start to the new school year.

Yours faithfully

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