

NRo/LHe

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Dear parent/carer,

Introduction to Summer Term at JCSC

I hope you enjoyed the Easter break with your family despite the unpredictable weather we had, and are still having. Unlike the weather, one thing that we can be certain of is that we've just completed the first week of the last term of the current academic year, and the most important term for our students in years 6, 11 and 13 who face external exams in the coming weeks and months.

We tightened up on some of the existing points that are in our behaviour policy in the week leading up to the Easter break and saw a significant improvement in the attitudes of many students, and a far calmer environment which was much more conducive to learning. This term we are anticipating further improvements for all members of our school community as we trial some slight changes to the sanctions that will be applied for non-compliance.

Tutors have already spoken to their form groups twice – once at the end of last term and again at the start of this – and I held a whole school assembly to explain what our expectations are, and why upholding them is of such importance. All of our students are fully aware of our rules, and all the members of staff, irrespective of their roles, will apply those rules consistently and without deviation.

Truancy

Truancy from lessons will not be tolerated at all. We define truancy as :

- Refusing to enter a classroom or learning space
- Walking out of a lesson
- Repeated lateness to lessons over the course of a day
- Being out of a lesson without a corridor pass

The sanction for truanting is a 1 hour detention on that same day. You, as the student's parent/carer will be notified, but they will do their detention on that same evening.

If this proves to be inconvenient to you, or creates an issue for your child in getting home, the simple answer is that they should avoid getting themselves in this situation by attending all lessons punctually and without fail.

Mobile Phones

In line with DfE guidance published in February this year, we are consistently applying our existing 'Phone out? Phone gone' mobile phone policy without exception. If a mobile phone is seen by a member of staff, whether or not it is being used, it will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day.

Refusal

In order for our school to run smoothly, and for your child to get the very best education possible, we require all students to follow our rules without exception and without argument. Our rules are clear and well understood, and refusal to follow simple instructions from a member of staff cannot be tolerated.

We define refusal as persistent misbehaviour or refusing, when asked, to follow any of our school rules.

Some examples of refusal include:

- More than one removal from a lesson in a day
- Refusing to cooperate with instructions given by a member of our staff:
 - Refusing to sit according to the seating plan
 - Refusing to comply with the 'Phone out? Phone gone' policy and hand over a mobile phone if seen by a member of staff
 - Refusing to follow the instructions of duty staff during breaks and lunches
 - Refusing to remove non-uniform items of clothing

The sanction for refusal is, again, a 1 hour detention on that same day. You, as the student's parent/carer will be notified, but they will do their detention on that same evening. Again, if this proves to be inconvenient to you, or creates an issue for your child in getting home, the simple answer is that they should avoid getting themselves in this situation by following instructions.

Uniform

From this term, outdoor coats and hoodies are not permitted to be worn inside the school building. When coats are worn to and from school they should be taken off as they enter the building and either put in bags or carried between lessons.

A reminder that full school uniform consists of:

- All black shoes/trainers
- School trousers/skirts/shorts
- Shirt and tie
- School jumper (optional)
- Blazer

The sanction for incorrect uniform will be a loss of social times (break and/or lunch).

Punctuality and attendance

Can we ask that you support us in ensuring your child gets the very best possible education by ensuring they attend school every day, arriving on time. All students should be in their tutor groups ready to learn by 8.45am each day.

The sanction for morning lateness will be a loss of social times.

Can I finish by reassuring you that the vast majority of our students are an absolute credit to you and adhere to our school expectations at all times. You should be reassured that their education, and enhanced life chances through experiencing the very best possible education, is our primary motive in consistently applying our behaviour policy to enforce our school expectations, I have attached our expectations on the next page for your reference.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



MR NEIL RODGERS

Executive Headteacher

JCSC Expectations



Arrive at school ready to learn. Bring the correct equipment, full school uniform including your tie and blazer. Be Proud of yourself, school and community.



Arrive at lessons on time. This means you will not miss or disrupt any essential learning.



Sit in your allocated seat. This will help you focus.



Get out your equipment, nothing else. This reduces distractions.



Do not eat in the classroom and only drink water. This keeps your brain hydrated.

(No eating or drinking in the lab - it's very dangerous)



Listen to, and follow instructions first time. This maximises learning time.



Walk in the corridors, don't run, respect personal boundaries you could hurt or upset someone.



Phones must be switched off and out of sight. This will help you concentrate on learning.



Consider the way you speak to others. Your tone and words could hurt or offend others.