

January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new term.

I would like to inform you of some changes to the behaviour system. These are minor changes which are set out below as well as some general reminders for the coming term.

Behaviour update

We have a duty to ensure that our students come to school and enjoy a safe, calm and orderly environment, where they can focus fully on learning without fear of disruption. Therefore, we take behaviour and conduct very seriously and, whilst we recognise that children do make mistakes, we will not tolerate conduct that falls below our expectations. We continue to work to a staged system for conduct and use Class Charts to record and monitor both positive (green) and negative (red) behaviour points for each child.

Below are some reminders as well as some minor changes to our staged system which are outlined below:

- **S1** - this will continue to be a warning given by the teacher in class and *not* recorded on Class Charts. Please note that this is a change to previous arrangements.
- **S2** - a teacher will continue to reset in the class with a conversation. This will be recorded.
- **S3** - students given this sanction will continue to be collected by the in-class support and supported in our Reflection Room. Parents will receive communication of this behaviour via email/phone and recorded. You will also see from January that a student who has received an S3 for behaviour will show as an S2/S3 with the reason for the behaviour.

I would also like to highlight an issue with a small number of students, who are choosing to not follow instructions when asked to wait for in-class support or opting to walk out or around the school. This has caused safeguarding concerns and a lot of time has been wasted by staff searching for students. If a student makes the choice to walk away from a classroom before being collected or to not follow instructions and leave the classroom, they will be placed on an S3 sanction for truancy.

Detentions continue to be non-negotiable and cannot be served at another time unless permission is given by the school. We understand that after-school detentions may inconvenience travel arrangements for students and parents/carers. For those who travel by school bus, we do operate a late bus service to some areas when we can. However, the responsibility for getting children to and from school, even when detentions are set, remains the legal duty of a parent/carers and therefore travel issues are not a valid reason for a child to miss a detention.

Of course, we would much rather focus on the positives and celebrate the many great things that we see every day at JOG. Our students are brilliant, and Class Charts analysis regularly shows us that green points overwhelmingly outnumber the red ones. We have a range of measures in place to celebrate our students, including green points, celebration assemblies and reward parties, reward trips and Prom Points for Year 11s.

Kind regards,



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