



Dear Parent/Carer,

Friday, 07 January 2022

As we return from the Christmas holidays, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of our expectations at Meden School and also update you with changes that will take effect from 10th January.

On their first day back in school, all students will be provided with a new 'Expectations Card'. The aim of the 'Expectations Card' is to communicate standards of behaviour around the school site. It is our intention to continue to develop the 'Outstanding' ethos we are creating at Meden School and it is vital that all our students arrive calmly to lessons and ready to learn.

Whilst it is clear our students take great pride in their appearance in school, please can you support us by ensuring your child is ready to meet our expectations and that they arrive on the first day in full and complete uniform, which should include black formal school shoes and the correct coloured lanyard.

I'd like to remind you that students are only allowed to wear knee length skirts and are only allowed one pair of stud earrings. Ear bars and similar piercings are not part of our uniform and staff will use the Expectation Card to highlight this. During the holiday some students may decide to apply false nails. While they are suitable for a school holiday, they are not part of our school uniform due to health and safety reasons and practicality. If your child has applied false nails during the holiday, please can you ensure that they are removed in readiness for the first day, so your child is school ready.

There will be some minor changes to detentions that I would like to inform you of. Students who are given a C3 in lesson will now have to complete a 25-minute detention after school. The member of staff who issued your child the C3 will call you and discuss the situation in lesson. A further text message will be sent as a reminder to confirm the date of the detention. If a student receives more than 2 C3s in a week they will be issued a double detention, which will last for 50 minutes and you will be contacted via text about this.

As a result of the staggered ending of the day, after school detentions, for both C3s and Expectations Cards, will be held for each year group on the days detailed as followings:

		Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Fridays
Year 7	Normal	-	3:10- 3:35pm	3:10- 3:35pm	2:20- 2:45pm
	Double**	-	-	3:35 -4:00pm	2:45 -3:10pm
Year 8	Normal	3:10- 3:35pm	3:10- 3:35pm	3:10- 3:35pm	2:20- 2:45pm
	Double**	-	-	3:35 -4:00pm	2:45 -3:10pm
Year 9	Normal	3:10- 3:35pm	3:10- 3:35pm	3:10- 3:35pm	2:20- 2:45pm
	Double**	-	-	3:35 -4:00pm	2:45 -3:10pm
Year 10	Normal	3:10- 3:35pm	-	3:10- 3:35pm	2:20- 2:45pm
	Double**	-	-	3:35 -4:00pm	2:45 -3:10pm
Year 11	Normal	-	-	-	2:20- 2:45pm
	Double**	-	-	-	2:45 -3:10pm

Double** double detentions for students who have received more than 2 C3s in a week



Home Learning

Home learning remains an important part of the Meden experience for our students. It is vital that students are given the opportunity to recall, retrieve and repeat the rich knowledge they are learning in lessons so that they can use this knowledge to make a difference in the world.

After listening to parent views, we have revised the homework timetable. Please see the link below for when homework will be set for each subject and key stage.

<https://www.medenschool.co.uk/page.php?p=homework>

Subjects not listed will offer enrichment learning opportunities throughout the year that your child may participate in.

The platforms that students use to complete their home learning remain the same: GCSE Pod, Seneca, Dr Frost, and Microsoft Forms. Should your child have access issues with these platforms, please ask them to speak to their form tutor in the first instance and if this is not possible, please email office@medenschool.co.uk for support. If your child does not have IT access at home and requires a Chromebook to complete their home learning, please communicate through the aforementioned email for support.

Homework Club continues to run every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week from 3:10pm to 4pm in K1 & K2. Students will be offered support and a space to complete their home learning.

A minor change to homework sanctions has taken place. Should your child fail to complete 2 homework tasks in a week they will be issued with a breaktime detention for the following day. They will still need to complete their home learning. When a student doesn't complete a piece of homework it will be recorded via the MCAS app.

Yours faithfully,

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