

Changes to detention notification to parents/carers

At Kingsthorpe College, our expectations of students remain very high. Excellent behaviour helps all students' progress in their learning. I am very proud of the vast majority of students who work hard to consistently meet or exceed these expectations, and are rewarded as a result. However, when behaviour does hinder the progress of students, one of the consequences we use is a detention. We believe that students must take responsibility for attending a detention. Every time a student receives a detention, it will now need to be completed after school on the next day. The length of the detention will vary from 30 minutes to 1 hour, depending on the situation.

To aid this process, and improve communication of detentions to parents, **from Monday 22nd January 2018** the school will take the following steps to communicate a detention to students and parents:

When a student is issued with a detention:

- The student will be issued with a **DETENTION NOTIFICATION SLIP**. This includes the date and time of the detention, the reason, and the duration. Please see an example below.
- **IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE THE SLIP HOME TO PARENTS/CARERS.**
- If the student fails to attend the detention on the specified date, they will automatically serve the detention the next day without any further notice given.

Example of the notification slip

Detention Notification	
Date: _____	Faculty/Dept: _____
Student Name: _____	Teacher: _____
Date of detention: _____	Venue: _____
Reason for detention:	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>	
Signed: _____	

We obviously hope that we do not need to issue detentions to our students as we expect they will remain highly focused on the task of learning. Our aim is to always treat students consistently and, where appropriate, to reward our students for meeting or exceeding expectations.

At Kingsthorpe College, we have considered the needs of staff and students, alongside government guidelines, and we believe that this new system will meet our needs, with regards to solving any behavioural issues in a timely manner, ensuring a restorative process to help that student reintegrate back into the lesson successfully. Should you require any more information, legal guidance can be found at the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/school-discipline-exclusions>. Whilst the guidance states that we do not have to give parents notice of after-school detentions or tell you why the detention has been given, we have chosen to use the notification slip as we believe we can more effectively help your child if we work together. Please remember, **it is your child's responsibility to inform you of their detentions.**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please feel free to telephone your child's tutor.

Kind Regards,

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