

Our Ref: GAT

Monday 8th January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Behaviour in School

As we begin a new term I wanted to take the time to remind you of our values and expectations and also share with you my disappointment at the behaviour of your child on the last day of term before the Christmas break.

I work closely with the year 7 team to ensure that our new intake have a successful transition and make a positive start at Oldbury Academy. This year we have been so impressed by almost all of our new intake! This has been helped by us being clear in our expectations and consequences and we are grateful for your support in this, I am confident that your children will reap the benefit of this over the next 4 years. At Oldbury Academy we expect that our students behave *safely, responsibly and respectfully* – our students are taught this frequently.

You may recall that following requests from students we had a non-uniform day on the final day of term, raising money for charity and a substantial food bank package – thank you so much for your generosity in supporting us in this. It is important to teach our students to be kind and give to others who may need help.

Our teachers had planned some fun lessons, enhancing our students' learning by broadening horizons and making memories with them. Unfortunately, a very small number of our students, of which your child was one, opted to truant and defy staff by running around the school site instead of enjoying these opportunities and upholding our values. This is not acceptable, they placed themselves and others at risk and disrupted the day for the students who were getting it right.

They will be in detention for one hour on Wednesday 10th January with myself as a result of their behaviour on this day. Please be aware that if your child does not attend this detention on time, or misbehaves during the detention, sanctions will be escalated. We have also found recently that an increasing number of students are unable to attend a detention for a variety of reasons. Please ensure that all other commitments on this day are rescheduled or adjusted. It is important that our students understand that their behaviour has consequences and that school and families work together to support children in this. In addition, we will be closely monitoring their behaviour to ensure that this does not continue.

Whilst we are an incredibly supportive school, and offer our students a lot of support with correcting behaviour and making choices, I want to be clear that students who misbehave to the detriment of the learning and experience of others will see significant consequences.

Many thanks for your support, I know that you will want your child to reach their potential and enjoy their school experience in a positive way. If you do wish to discuss this further please don't hesitate to contact us on 0121 533 3750 and I will return your call as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G Tillotson', written in a cursive style.

Mrs G Tillotson
Assistant Headteacher