

23rd January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

This term we have introduced our new behaviour system at UAK called 'Positive Discipline'. It is a behaviour system that looks to reward students for doing good work in lessons and following the school rules. Central to this is the new student planner that was issued to students on their first day back to school in January, all positive stamps, rewards, negative comments, detentions and isolations are logged in the planner. It is essential that parents/carers check the planner **every day** with their children to monitor their positive progress, or to know if they will be kept back at the end of the next day. Parents will no longer be contacted by text to inform them if their child has a detention, instead it will be logged in the planner giving 24 hours notice.

Students are rewarded in lessons with praise stamps for a variety of reasons including; good written work, excellent homework, good answers and showing independence in their learning. Equally, students are rewarded by their form tutors for doing the right thing on a day to day basis focusing on: good attendance, punctuality, correct equipment, correct uniform and good behaviour over the course of a week. All stamps are recorded weekly on the computer system with form tutors. These then go towards achieving certificates, positive phone calls home and reward trips alongside achievement assemblies, reward evenings and positive postcards home.

Similarly, any negative behaviours are logged each week in the planner. A student is removed from a lesson after a verbal warning and three written comments this will generate an after school detention and if a student gets 12 comments in a week they will be placed in isolation. All detentions and isolations are logged in the planner along with positive stamps, so it is essential that the planner is not lost and is checked daily and **signed weekly by parents**.

Because the planner is so important it is essential students do not lose, or forget to bring their planner to school, if they forget it for a second time in a half term students will be placed in isolation for the day, or until a parent/carers can bring it in. Replacement planners are £5.00, the first planner has been provided free of charge by the academy.

The introduction of Positive Discipline is an essential part of our journey as we strive towards next becoming good and onto outstanding. It is therefore essential that we have your support to achieve this goal.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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(Vice Principal - Standards)