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Dear Parent/Carer,

Detentions in School

As an Ofsted-rated 'Good' school, working with our Outstanding partner school, we pride ourselves on the quality of education we offer for the young people in our community. This extends to the high expectations and standards we set for behaviour and conduct in school.

Our core values in school are ambition, resilience and respect. We expect students to demonstrate these values through their actions in school every single day. Any behaviour choices that students make which do not meet these values may result in a consequence in school.

One such consequence is detentions. Detentions involve students staying behind after school from 2:35pm - 3:35pm on Monday - Thursday, and from 1:15pm - 2:15pm on Friday.

Detentions are issued as a consequence for poor behaviour choices made throughout the school day which do not align with our core values. This includes persistently disrupting the learning of others in the classroom, unruly behaviour outside of the classroom, defiance and not following instructions first time, and not completing homework.

Research shows that consequences are more effective if they take place as close as possible to the behaviour choice which caused it. We therefore expect a detention to take place on the same day as the behaviour choice which led to the detention. You should receive a text message no later than 2pm on Monday - Thursday and 12:30pm on Friday to notify you of a detention.

Detentions are non-negotiable; we expect your child to attend the detention on the same day with no exceptions. Failure to attend detention will result in an extended two-hour detention the following day. Persistent failure to attend detention will result in further sanctions.

The only exception is if your child has a pre-booked medical appointment; if this is the case please contact student reception on receipt of the text message, giving evidence of the medical appointment.

We appreciate that detentions can cause significant disruptions to family plans; the way to avoid this disruption is to support us in ensuring that your child continues to meet our high expectations and demonstrates ambition, resilience and respect every day.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office on 01535 210 333 or via office@uak.org.uk

Thank you for your support as we work together to ensure your child is supported to become the best version of themselves.

Mr Turvey
Head of School

Mrs Petrik-Davies
Assistant Principal