

Dear Parent/Carers

Firstly, thank you to everyone for your good wishes to me as I take up the post of Interim Principal here at Charles Read Academy, following the promotion of Bob Sloan to Deputy Director of Transformation at our Trust. I am really looking forward to getting to know you and the students over the coming weeks.

I will aim to write to you every three weeks, with an update on what we're doing at school, with some key important dates and information for you, so you can continue to support our students at home. This will usually be on a Friday, so you can look out for it!

#### Recruitment of New Principal

The recruitment of our new permanent Principal for our Academy is currently under way, with a closing date of 20 September and interviews scheduled for shortly afterwards. As soon as I have any information about the new Principal, I will of course share that with you.

#### Pastoral Detention - Lunchtimes & After School

As you know, we are all trying hard to ensure high standards and aspirations for all of our students. There are clear guidelines on our website and in the students' planners, explaining about expectations for uniform, equipment, use of mobile phones and behaviour. The school has amended its sanctions system so that, starting 10/09/18, there will be pastoral detentions at lunchtime for any student who:

- is late to a lesson (without a teacher's note)
- forgets their equipment
- does not have the correct uniform
- fails to bring their report (if on report)
- has their mobile phone out during the school day
- behaves poorly at break/lunch

Our tutors have been discussing this sanction with students but please could you reinforce these messages at home also.

If a student fails to attend their same-day detention eg if they forget to attend, they will be given a second chance to attend the following/next school day. This means that students have two chances to comply with the school's rules.

If a student fails to attend the lunchtime detention, he/she will automatically receive an after school SLT detention; home will be contacted. These after school detentions will take place on a Friday from 3:15-4:00pm - it will be the parent's responsibility to arrange collection of their child from school at 4:00pm.

#### Key Dates for your Diary

<b>Wednesday 26 September 2018</b>	Year 5 & 6 Open Evening (6-8pm)
<b>Thursday 4 October 2018</b>	Year 11 Study Skills Evening (6-8pm)
<b>Week beginning 8 October 2018</b>	Assessment Week (all years)
<b>Thursday 18 October 2018</b>	Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Evening (4-7pm)
<b>Friday 19 October 2018</b>	Close for half-term at 3:15pm
<b>Monday 29 October 2018</b>	School closed to students - staff training day
<b>Tuesday 30 October 2018</b>	School open to all students

#### Year 11 Study Skills Evening

Miss Moorcroft will be writing separately to you about this special evening, scheduled for 4 October 2018 - I hope to meet as many Year 11 parents/carers and students as possible to talk about how you can support the students to achieve their very best in the final GCSE examinations in June. The evening is scheduled to deliver a range of key topics and offer support strategies to help you to help your child.

Many thanks for your continued support as we work together to maximise the students' opportunities and success at Charles Read Academy.

Yours sincerely



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