



Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton, M A

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QMGS Behaviour Information September 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to welcome back all our students to start a new academic year, and as the Headmaster indicated in his recent email, we are making some changes to our existing behaviour model in line with the statutory requirements from the Department for Education, guidance from the Mercian Trust and consultation with other professionals in the education sector and are discussed below. Our [school policies](#) can be found on our school website.

Same Day Detentions

A range of detentions are already held at QMGS but from the week commencing **9th September 2024** we are introducing **same day detentions**. These will be issued by staff in the classroom to tackle behaviours which create a barrier to our students' learning.

- For any unacceptable behaviour, a student will be given a verbal warning which the staff will confirm on the whiteboard. It is hoped this will be sufficient for a pupil to reset their attitude in the classroom.
- If the student persists with any further unacceptable behaviour, they will be issued with a behaviour point which you will be notified of via Edulink. Please use this as an opportunity to speak with your child about their behaviour.
- After this, if any negative behaviour persists, they will be issued with a same day detention for 30 minutes.
- This detention will be put onto the system using EduLink which notifies parents/guardians. For detentions that are issued up to period 4 of the school day (up to 1 pm), they will be put on the system by 1.30pm. These students will attend the same detention after school in the Annex building hosted by SLT. The detention will run every weekday from **3.45pm to 4.45pm**.
- For students who are issued with a detention in periods 5 and 6, after lunch, their detention will be issued for an afterschool detention the following day and put on the EduLink system to notify parents.
- For students who accrue two same day detentions in one day they will be issued with a 60-minute detention from **3.45pm to 4.45pm** in the Annex and it will be held on the same day unless both are issued after lunch in which case it will be the next day.
- For students accruing three plus on the day detentions they will serve a 60-minute detention from **3.45pm to 4.45pm** but will also be given a follow up sanction, community task and further contact will be made with parents/guardians.
- **The same day detention will take precedence over any other extracurricular commitments.**
- Any students who are repeatedly receiving detentions will be issued with more formal sanctions in line with our behaviour policy.

- Regarding the unauthorised use of **mobile phones**, any student caught visibly with a mobile phone when not allowed by a member of staff will not only have it confiscated and handed in to reception, but will also be issued **automatically** with a **same-day detention** in the school Annex for **30 minutes**. (Up to period 4 the same day after lunch for the next day). The government has issued specific guidance to schools on the use of mobile phones and stated that, *'Every school has a duty to create an environment that is calm, safe and free from distraction so all pupils, whatever their background, can learn and thrive,'* and have identified the greatest distraction to pupils is the use of phones. We wish to remove this distraction from our students which will benefit them socially and academically.

Lesson Removal

At QMGS we always aim for a student to remain in their class, so their education is not impeded. However, occasionally a student's behaviour becomes detrimental not only to their own learning but that of others and will be removed to another supervised room. If this happens, parents will be notified via a behaviour point that will be uploaded onto EduLink.

For notification of same day detentions, behaviour points and school information, please ensure you have access to EduLink. If you have any difficulties, please contact our Data Manager on dataenquiries@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. We hope that these new measures will focus our students on their learning allowing them to reach their maximum potential and we appreciate your support in these measures as we embark on our new school year.

Yours faithfully

Miss R Naguthney

Assistant Headteacher

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