



QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of another very busy first term, I want to send you a reminder of our embedded pastoral systems and school expectations.

The Queen's Park Way:

To provide clarity of expectations and school rules, we group our expectations into 3 values; Prepared, Engaged, Respectful and everything we ask students to do links closely with these values. All behaviours, both positive and negative, are recorded on Synergy, I would ask you to regularly check this via the parent app or online. This should be done on a daily basis. If you require a login, please contact school.

Uniform:

At Queen's Park we want all our students to represent themselves at their very best at all times and wearing the full uniform correctly forms part of this expectation.

Can I ask for your continued support in ensuring your child comes to school every day in full uniform. Detailed information on correct uniform can be located on the school website, but a reminder that coats are not to be worn in the school building, blazers are a compulsory part of the uniform and school shoes/trainers must be completely black.

Jewellery is limited to a watch, one stud in each ear and one charity band. This is primarily due to health and safety reasons and also the fact that jewellery is going missing when a student has been asked to remove it when doing practical work. If you require any support with school uniform then do not hesitate to contact your child's group tutor in the first instance. A uniform pass will be issued until the correct uniform can be sourced.

Toilet Use:

Students can only learn and make progress when in lessons therefore, toilets are to be used at the start of the school day, at break and lunch times and at the end of the school day.

We are able to ensure appropriate adult supervision in the toilet areas during these times. In recent months students have raised concerns about poor behaviour of some students in the toilet areas and potentially students vaping. Some students are consistently waiting for the bell to signal the end of break and lunch to then go to the toilet, which then disrupts the orderly start to their next lesson.

The safety of all students will always be of paramount importance, therefore, we are asking students not to use the toilets in the change of lessons, as providing adult supervision is difficult during these times. This will ensure adults are present when toilets are at their most busy.

If your child has a medical condition, adjustments can be made via a toilet pass. If this is the case, please contact your child's group tutor, who will support with the matter.

Energy Drinks:

Over recent weeks the number of energy drinks brought into school by students has increased dramatically. Research states that the evidence is clear that energy drinks are harmful to the mental and physical health of children and young people, as well as their behaviour and education. Sleep problems, poor performance at school and an unhealthy



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diet were also closely related to the use of energy drinks. As a result and to ensure the best possible outcomes for students at Queen's Park, any energy drinks seen in school will be confiscated.

Phones and Digital Devices:

Queen's Park High School took the decision to become a no phone school, based on research carried out on the effects of usage on young people. Phones (including earbuds, headphones etc) should not be seen or heard during the school day. Devices should remain switched off and out of sight. Any devices which are seen will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Students often use their phones to check the time and timetables. A paper copy of their timetable can be obtained from group tutors to avoid this from happening.

Detention Procedures:

Unfortunately, there are times when certain behaviours and lateness require a sanction. We run a whole school, after school detention every night for 30 minutes. As a parent/carer you will receive notice of the detention via Synergy. Your child will be taken to the detention and expected to stay for 30 minutes. During this time there will be an opportunity to talk about what has led to the detention with a view to there being a fresh start next lesson. For more serious breaches of school expectations and persistent lateness to school, students will be issued with a 60 minute senior leadership detention on a Friday evening. We ask you to support the school in ensuring detentions are completed on the given date.

Students will all be spoken to at length, in assemblies, to remind them of our expectations and why they are so important. I would ask for your continued support by reinforcing the messages in this letter to your child/children.

The recognition and accumulation of House Points this year continues to grow and go from strength to strength as we see a record number of subject badges awarded to students for outstanding effort and achievement in both curricular and extra-curricular engagement. There are now over 600 students in the school who have qualified for their bronze certificates (250 House Points) and over 230 who have surpassed the 750 House point mark for their silver! Engagement in the wider-curricular offer in school is key to bringing academic successes too with employability skills all greatly enhance through the socialisation, teamwork, creativity and joy the extra-curricular and enrichment activities bring. Over 650 students are engaged in at least one ECE activity which is great improvement on last year. As Peter Drucker once declared, 'Culture eats strategy for breakfast'; we're so lucky to have a positive culture for our students to buy into and for those who do, they thrive.

If we can do anything to further support your child/children, then don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's group tutor in the first instance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs J Cutler
(Assistant Headteacher – Behaviour and Attendance)