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Dear Parents and Carers

### Raising Standards

I wanted to write about ways we are raising standards in our school and to ask for your support. We believe each pupil deserves to be expected to look smart, mature and professional and to behave in line with traditional values of respect, courtesy, kindness and hard work.

From Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017, the following higher standards and expectations will be in place and all students have been made aware of this approach through their form tutor.

### Recognition

Pupils have told us they would prefer that 'rewards' are called 'recognition' because it feels a more mature term to use. Pupils have helped to review our recognition system and there are now more ways for pupils to be acknowledged for their hard work, commitment and engagement with learning. We want each pupil to be recognised for making good decisions and to celebrate their hard work and achievement.

### Sanctions

We have also reviewed our system for sanctions to ensure that pupils receive a proportionate consequence of a poor decision. Our expectations are that each pupil:

- wears full uniform including proper school shoes, ties, blazers and tucked in shirts;
- behaves properly in our school and across our site at all times (and this includes using mobile phones and headphones at break and lunchtime only); and
- is punctual to school and each lesson.

Pupils who choose to make a poor decision will receive a detention of either 30 minutes or 60 minutes on the same day. You will be alerted by text.

Our balanced approach is designed to raise standards in our school, embed a stronger climate for learning and prepare each pupil for work.

Thank you in advance of your support.

Yours faithfully

S. D. Hawkins  
Simon Hawkins  
Headteacher

