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Dear Parents/Carers,

Update to After-School Whole School Detention and Access to Toilets During Lesson Time

At Stocksbridge High School we are always looking for ways to improve communication and support students in their organisation and accountability. To enhance this, we are making a small but important change to our after-school detention policy and access to toilets during learning time.

Starting Monday 14 April 2025, we will be implementing a 24-hour notice system for after-school detentions. This means that if a student is assigned detention, they will serve it the following school day instead of on the same day. This change is designed to:

1. Ensure parents/carers receive timely notification, allowing for better planning.
2. Support students in organising their schedules and transportation arrangements.
3. Strengthen home-school communication regarding behaviour expectations.

Detention notifications will be communicated via email.

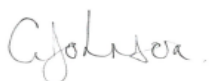
We have also noticed an increasing number of students misusing toilet access during lessons, which is having a negative impact on both their own learning and that of others. Some students are leaving class unnecessarily, leading to disruptions and lost learning time. Students who require immediate access to toilet facilities due to medical reasons will be issued with a toilet pass that allows them to leave lessons to visit the toilet. All other students will not be allowed out of lessons to use the toilet unless in an urgent situation and at the teacher's discretion. In this situation, the student will be issued with a pass from the teacher.

It is vital we maintain the focus of all students during lesson time to ensure the best learning environment for your child. Students are encouraged to visit the toilet before school, at break and lunchtimes and after school. We have increased the number of toilets available during social time to allow larger capacity of students to access the toilets during this time. Whilst toilets are available for students throughout the day, please could you reiterate with your child that they should not be leaving lessons to go to the toilet, unless they have a toilet pass for medical reasons or in a genuine emergency. All permissions given to go to the toilet during lesson time will be logged so that we can monitor lost learning time and support and safeguard our students effectively.

If you have any questions or concerns about this update, please do not hesitate to contact us at enquiries@stocksbridge-mlt.co.uk

We appreciate your continued support in helping us create a structured and supportive learning environment for all students.

Yours faithfully



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