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Dear Parents and Carers

Internal Truancy

It is vitally important to me that every lesson is as productive as possible and distractions from learning are kept to a minimum. I have noticed this term that a minority of students are causing a disproportionate amount of disruption through one or more of the follow behaviours:

- 1) Refusal to go to lessons
- 2) Walking out of lessons without permission
- 3) Leaving lessons with permission but for long periods of time
- 4) Arriving very late to lessons

This comes at a critical time for Year 11 and Year 13 who will be undertaking their mock examinations in the next few weeks/months. The negative impact of this small number of students on the effectiveness of lessons for all years is such that it cannot be tolerated.

As a result all students have been shown a video/PowerPoint highlighting the following:

- We are introducing a 'late' bell that will ring 5 minutes after the start of each lesson.
- Arrival after this (without good reason) will result in a detention being issued
- Leaving the classroom without permission will result in a detention
- Absence from class during a lesson will only be permitted in an emergency and for 5 minutes (unless medical attention is required)

A reminder was also sent to students with an Exit Card that they should always ask permission from their teacher before leaving the classroom.

This week we will be trialling the late bell to allow time for students to adjust to the expectations outlined above and we will 'go live' from Monday 13th November. For the vast majority of students the impact of this change will simply be quieter corridors during their lessons, which I am sure they will appreciate. Regular internal truants will work with their Head of Year as part of a graduated approach to understand the barriers to meeting our expectations, ensure that they are punctual to lessons and make the expected progress in their subjects.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Anderson
Headteacher

