

Dear Parent/Carer,

In line with our schools Positive behaviour system, it has been necessary to make some changes to our detention system, which we will be trialling during the Summer term of 2022. This is not only to encourage and reward good behaviour in school, which in turn creates a positive learning environment for the students at Heron Hall Academy, but is also important in delivering a clear message to our students that inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and will be sanctioned accordingly.

Students will be rewarded for upholding the school values and expectations. Detentions will be issued for various reasons such as poor punctuality to school and lessons; inappropriate uniform; lack of equipment; and for poor behaviour around-school.

We will be holding the detentions listed below:

Detention type	Reason	Length	Times	Frequency
Late detention	Arriving to school after 8.35am	30 minutes	12.15 – 12.45	Daily
Departmental detentions	Poor behaviour in lessons, lack of work, truancy, lateness to lesson etc	45 minutes	15.30 – 16.15	Daily, various subject each day
Whole school detention	Poor behaviour around the school or failing to attend either a late or departmental detention	1 hour	15.30 – 16.30	Daily
Headteachers Detention	Failure to attend whole school detention or serious breach of the behaviour policy	2 hours	15.30 – 17.30	Fridays
Failure to attend Headteachers detention will result in 1 day in our internal exclusion room				

If your child receives an after school detention, you will be notified of this the day before via text message/email as per our usual procedure.

There will be no exemptions from the after-school detention system. If your child has a medical appointment, parents/carers must inform the school and rearrange the detention. It will not be possible for a student to rearrange it themselves.

We understand that after-school detentions can sometimes be an inconvenience to parents/carers, however they are an integral part of the behaviour system, and as such we urge parents/carers to encourage their children to adhere to the rules and expectations of the academy, so that ultimately they are not issued with a detention.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Should you require any further information regarding the use of detentions as a sanction, please feel free to contact the school.

Kind regards

Arthur Barzey  
Headteacher

