

June 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your support this year. I am hopeful for some excellent results this year from our Y11 who have now left. The standards at the academy have risen, which is enabling teachers to deliver stimulating lessons.

A major weakness of the academy is attendance and punctuality. Although our attendance has risen by 5% since last academic year, it is still well below the national average. Punctuality to school and to lessons also needs to improve. Not only does being late to lessons have a detrimental impact on the student who is late it also disrupts the lesson for everybody else, which is not acceptable.

Being just 5 minutes late to school everyday equates to 3 days of lost learning per year. Research demonstrates how poor attendance significantly effects grades, which in turn effects the students' potential earnings.

As a result, starting Monday 1 July any student late to school or lesson will be issued with a 30 minute after school detention. I ask all students to be on site by 8.15am. Anyone who is after 8.20am will be issued with a 30 minute detention. Lessons start at 8.25am and the site is very large. If all students are on site before 8.20am then I am confident they will be at their classroom ready to start learning at 8.25am.

Students are expected to arrive to lessons on time. If they are late then they will be issued with a 30 minute detention. If they have a lesson directly after a lesson then they will be given 5 minute movement time. After this 5 minutes they will be late and issued a 30 minute detention.

If there is a genuine reason why a student is late to school then please put a note in your child's planner and they may not be issued with a 30 minute detention. If students do not have a note then a 30 minute detention will be issued.

If you have any concerns around your child's punctuality, please contact the Attendance Team on 01977 624221 or email [Attendance@hemsworth.outwood.com](mailto:Attendance@hemsworth.outwood.com)

I am grateful for your support so far and am confident if we improve the attendance and punctuality of students then it again will further improve the quality of the education provided for your child at Hemsworth.

Yours sincerely



Toby Rutter  
Principal