



Tadcaster Grammar School

'A Culture of Excellence'

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Dear Parents

Changes to Lunchtime Detentions

We are very proud of the excellent behaviour of our students in the school, their work ethic and consideration of each others' learning. However, in some instances there is a need for a member of staff to sanction a student for failing to meet our expected standards of behaviour.

A very small number of students willfully *or through a lack of organisation, miss lunchtime detentions*. This then presently results in a 45 minute after school detention on a subsequent day. We understand as a rural school that this has added complications for parents and we do appreciate your support in this matter.

However, from Monday 12 November, we will be trialling a new way of sanctioning students who miss lunchtime detentions. If a student misses a lunchtime detention, they will be emailed and informed they will miss the full lunchtime the following day. They will be able to buy cold food and drinks, but they will work in silence for the complete lunchtime.

We believe this will address the very small number of students who fail to attend the initial detentions and will be a fairer system for all students.

If a student subsequently does not attend the full lunchtime detention, they will then spend a half day including break and dinnertime in isolation.

A student who repeatedly is in isolation for missing detentions will be requested to attend a meeting with their parents, House Leader and myself to discuss their behaviour.

We would appreciate your continued support with this process as we continue to uphold the excellent behaviour our students maintain.

Yours sincerely

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