

16 July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

As the end of another busy school year draws to a close, I write to update you about the life of the school and to wish you all the very best for the summer holidays.

### Behaviour Policy

Many thanks to all those who took the time to respond to our recent behaviour consultation. There were over 200 responses, with some useful feedback received. It is pleasing to note that many parents are supportive of our attempts at improving behaviour for learning and ensuring consistency whenever possible. 99% of parents agree that good behaviour is important in the classroom for effective learning and teaching, and 98% of parents agreed that it is important for behaviour to be managed consistently. 95% of respondents also suggested that students should understand clearly the school's guidelines and boundaries. To this end, we have been working on a new behaviour policy which will be implemented next academic year. I have attached a copy of a diagram that we will be using from September showing more clearly the sanctions that students will face for each issue.

I have recently met with members of the school council to discuss the new behaviour policy, particularly to give more details surrounding the new rewards system that we have been developing. Next year House Points will have much more value and will become an important currency within the school system. I shall tell you more about this in my first letter of the new year.

### Mobile Phones & Electronic Devices

I have made an amendment to our mobile phones policy which seeks to further strengthen our commitment to ensuring that students' learning is not compromised by the distraction of mobile phones and other electronic devices.

To be clear, the schools position is that mobile phones and other associated electronic devices are strictly banned for use in school for all students in Years 7-11. This extends to iPods, MP3 players, mobile speakers, smart watches, earphones and cameras. Whilst we understand that some parents would prefer their child to have a mobile phone for the purposes of safety when travelling to and from school, our strong preference is that all such devices are left at home.

The amendment to the policy is that now, for a first time offence, when a mobile phone or electronic device is seen, the item will be confiscated and securely stored by the office awaiting collection by parents. These confiscated items will not be released to students themselves.

### Staffing

I am pleased to report that we have a full staffing complement once again for September. Despite a challenging national landscape for teacher appointments, I am delighted with the staffing that we have for next year. I wish all those colleagues who are leaving us, whether it be through retirement or those seeking new opportunities, all the very best.

A brief reminder about forthcoming dates:

A Level Results will be published on **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> August**. Year 12 will receive theirs by email, so only Year 13 need to attend school to collect.

GCSE Results will be published on **Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August**. Year 10 will receive module results via email.

First day for students in Years 7-12 – **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September**

First day for students in Year 13 – **Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Uniform and equipment**

I attach for ease of reference the school uniform guidelines for 2018-19. I would appreciate the support of all parents in ensuring that students present themselves to school according to the uniform regulations, particularly given the unusual circumstances of the last few weeks with students being allowed to wear PE kit. Can I please ask parents to take care when purchasing items from supermarkets and high street retailers which purport to be suitable for school. Sometimes these items are of a fashionable nature and do not conform to our expectations. If students arrive at school in the incorrect uniform in September, they should expect to change before being allowed into lessons.

Our maths department have asked that calculators become part of our equipment list for September. With numeracy being a whole school focus this is something which is really important. Therefore, can I ask that if your son/daughter does not already have one, that you purchase a calculator for them in readiness for September. The maths department recommend a Casio fx85gt or fx83gt which can be obtained for around £10-£15. This will last students through to their GCSEs in Maths.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the course of the last year and more importantly for assisting your child with his/her studies. I wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer holiday and look forward to welcoming all students back in September.

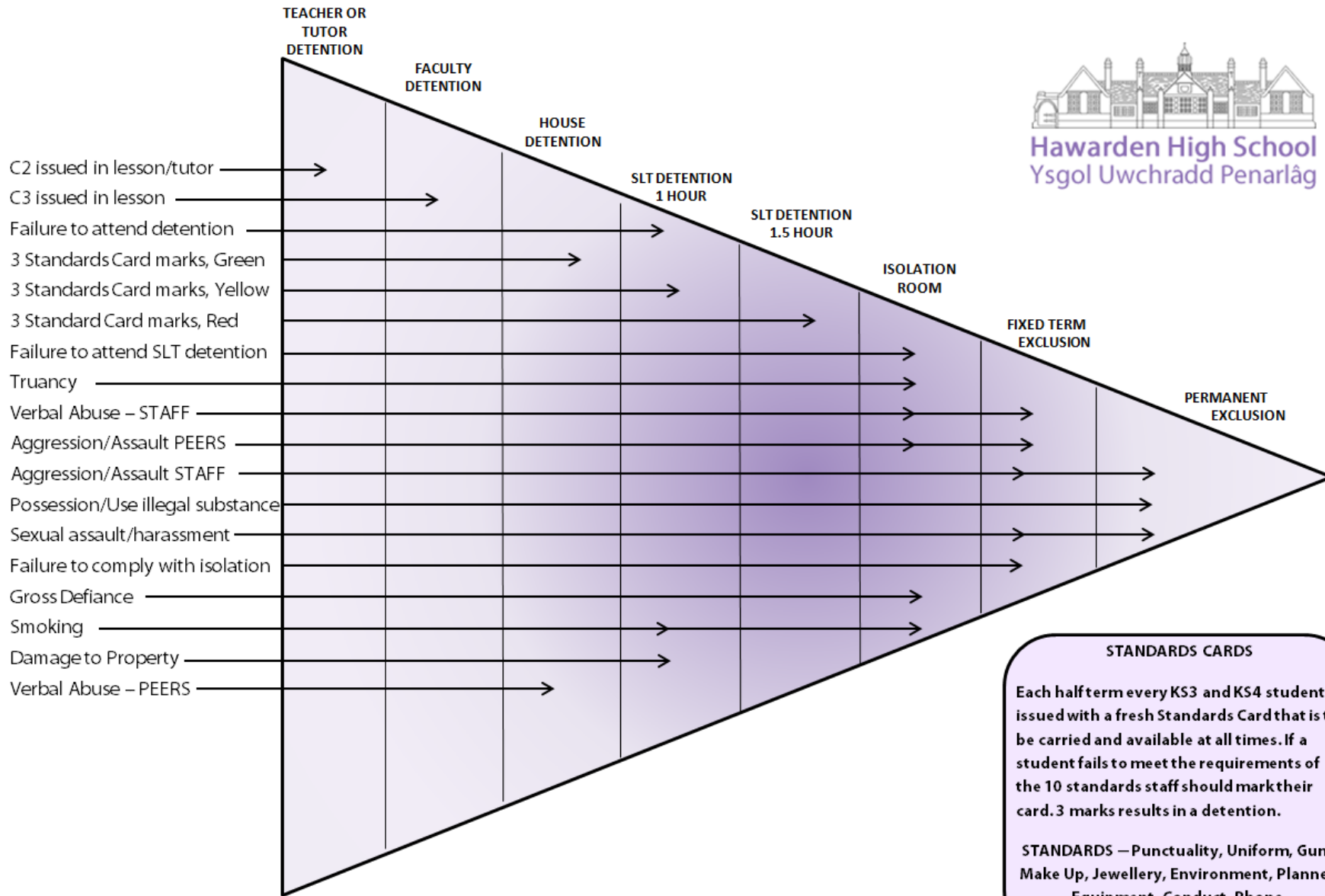
Yours sincerely



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**STANDARDS CARDS**

Each half term every KS3 and KS4 student is issued with a fresh Standards Card that is to be carried and available at all times. If a student fails to meet the requirements of the 10 standards staff should mark their card. 3 marks results in a detention.

**STANDARDS – Punctuality, Uniform, Gum, Make Up, Jewellery, Environment, Planner, Equipment, Conduct, Phone.**

## SCHOOL UNIFORM RULES / RHEOLAU GWISG YSGOL

The school places great importance on uniform and we look to the support of parents to ensure that uniform regulations are followed. Requiring pupils to wear school uniform emphasises our belief in the identity of the school, develops pride and a sense of belonging, establishes standards and promotes equality. It also underlines the importance of being neat and tidy in all aspects of school life.

We would remind parents that extremes of fashion are inappropriate to a school environment. Please ensure that clothing is labelled to avoid loss/assist recovery.

*All Students: – as appropriate to gender.*

- A plain, dark coat or jacket suitable for weather conditions but coats must not be worn inside the school buildings. Scarves, caps and hats are not allowed in school.
- Plain, white shirt- which must be worn with the top button done up.
- School tie:- worn to the top button with House colour stripe.
- Black V-neck school jumper:- must be embroidered with school emblem. Cardigans are not allowed. Jumpers to be worn at all times unless express permission given for removal.
- Plain black skirt- approximately knee length. Skirts must not be made of stretch fabric and must not be too short or too tight. Pencilskirts and bodycon skirts are NOT permitted.
- Plain dark grey or black tailored trousers of formal, loose fitting style. Jean style, combat, cord, denim, canvas, stretch material and 'legging' style trousers are not allowed. No logos should be visible. Trousers must be worn at the waist.
- Belts, if worn, must be of a dark colour with a small, discreet buckle.
- Plain white, black or grey socks, or black tights. Over-knee socks, trainer socks and patterned tights are not allowed.
- Black shoes:- suitable for school and of a type that can be polished. High heeled or open toed shoes, trainers, canvas shoes, sandals, boots and any footwear with visible logos are not allowed.

*Please be aware that clothing sold as 'school uniform' in some shops may not always be appropriate or acceptable. If in doubt please contact the school for clarification.*

### GIRLS PE UNIFORM

Plain white polo T-shirt with school logo  
Black shorts (not cycling shorts)  
Or Black skirts  
Red outdoor top with school logo  
*(details of the red outdoor top which we have introduced will be provided on the order form)*  
School red and white rugby shirt (optional)  
Red long socks  
Trainers  
Towel

### BOYS PE UNIFORM

Plain white polo T-shirt school logo  
Black shorts  
School red and white rugby shirt  
Red outdoor top with school logo  
*(details of the red outdoor top which we have introduced will be provided on the order form)*  
Red long socks  
Trainers  
Football boots  
Towel

### Health and Safety

Shin-pads are required for hockey, football and rugby

The use of gum-shields is strongly encouraged for sports such as hockey and rugby.

Under no circumstances can ANY items of jewellery be worn for PE lessons.  
Ear piercings may NOT be covered with plasters.

### Jewellery:

#### The only jewellery permitted in school is –

- Discreet plain metal ear stud (maximum one small stud per ear lobe)
- One small finger ring (with no edges or projections)
- Wristwatch (smart watches not permitted)
- One appropriate charity wrist band

No other jewellery is acceptable.

On no account should expensive jewellery be brought into school.

### Hairstyles:

- Hair should be of a natural colour (Dip-dyes are unacceptable)
- Inappropriate or extreme hairstyles are not allowed, this includes 'tram lines'. Patterns cut into the hair that is too 'styled'
- Hair-bands and accessories must be of a plain style, for example, no flowers or bandanas are allowed.

### Make up:

#### Any make up worn must not be obvious

- Light mousse or foundation and a little mascara are acceptable.  
Coloured lipstick/gloss, eye shadow, blusher, eye liner and pencilled eyebrows are not acceptable.
- False nails or nails that are fashionably long are not permitted
- Coloured nail varnish is not acceptable.

# Uniform Standards



Trainers

Tube / Pencil / Fashion Skirts

Skinny Trousers