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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Updates from the Pastoral Team

We are writing to share several key updates regarding some of our Pastoral processes at John Ferneley College.

Rewards

We believe it is important for students to be recognised when they do the 'right thing' and show good manners. We believe young people who display the values of politeness and kindness will do well in life and be able to make positive contributions to the community and wider society.

As a school we use a system which incorporates 'positive points' and 'negative points'. We are delighted to share that more than 600 students have **never** received a negative point. These students have all been rewarded for this with an R3 from Mrs Russell.

This year our aim is to focus on the positives and to celebrate the vast majority of our students who do the right thing. On School Gateway, there are lots of positive point options for staff to use and some of these include good uniform, having the correct equipment, neat work, homework completed, as well as awards for students who get involved in extra-curricular activities.

Throughout the year, all students will be awarded regularly by both your child's tutor and class teachers for meeting our expectations. As a Pastoral Team, we monitor the number of positive points students achieve and certificates are given out for this. Certificates are awarded when students achieve the following positive points:

- 50 points = Bronze Award
- 100 points = Silver Award
- 150 points = Gold Award
- 200 points = Platinum Award

Every other week, your child's Head of Year leads an assembly with their year group where recognition is given to those who have achieved the most Classcharts points for that week. At the end of each half term, we host a rewards assembly for each year group where we celebrate and reward student achievements.

Further to this, we have had some fabulous prizes donated to the school and students who have the most positive points awarded across the academic year will be entered into a prize draw. If students continue to keep working hard, they could be in with a chance to win either:

- An iPad
- A 32" flat screen television
- A PlayStation 5

Please see overleaf...

Detentions

As a school, we have a system of sanctions that includes after-school detentions. It is important that parents/guardians note that The Department for Education gives schools the directive that they should run after-school detentions and that parental permission is not required for this. However, out of courtesy we will text you to let you know when your child should be in an after-school detention and the reason for this.

If a student fails to attend any sanction, this will result in the next level of sanction being put in place.

Attendance and Punctuality

At John Ferneley College our aim is to maintain excellent attendance and punctuality for every student. This enables us to offer maximised learning opportunities and ensures that our students are able to reach their full potential in all aspects of school life.

All students are expected to arrive at school for 8.35am and be ready for tutor at 8.40am. If your child is absent, you can report this via the absence line (01664 56590), via School Gateway or by emailing jfcattendance@johnferneley.org.

It is the parents/guardians legal responsibility to ensure their child regularly attends school. We recognise the need for students, parents/guardians, and the school to work in close partnership to achieve this. Should you become aware that your child is experiencing issues which are impacting on their attendance, please contact the school as soon as possible, so that interventions and support may be implemented.

Uniform

We expect all our students to be dressed appropriately and in the correct uniform, at all times. It is not acceptable for students to wear different clothes to school that do not comply with our school uniform policy and sanctions will be put in place for this.

If you need to replace an item of school uniform, we have a second-hand uniform shop on-site which enables parents/guardians an affordable uniform option. To enquire about our stock, please email ask@johnferneley.org.

As part of our rewards system, throughout the year we hand out treats on the gate for perfect uniform on arrival.

It is essential that students wear their lanyard to school every day, as this is the easiest way we can ensure students are where they are supposed to be. If your child loses their lanyard, a replacement can be purchased via School Gateway.

Contacting the school

Finally, a polite reminder that your child's **Tutor** is **your first point of contact** for any day-to-day queries. You can find their direct email addresses on the **school website > Contact Us > Staff Email Addresses**. See direct link here > <https://www.johnferneley.org/emailaddresses>

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Russell and the Pastoral Team
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