



# Quarrydale Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, I hope you and your family had a restful Easter break. As we begin the summer term, I want to take this opportunity to re-establish the high expectations we have for all our students at Quarrydale Academy.

The majority of our students meet these expectations every day and are a credit to the school. However, to support all students to obtain the most from their education, it is important that we are clear and consistent in the standards we expect and what takes place when those standards are not met.

Below are a number of reminders and updates, which I ask all parents and carers to read carefully to support the Academy in providing the best education for all the students in our care.

## Punctuality

Being on time is vital to ensure all key messages are passed onto all student during the morning registration period. Students must arrive on site before **8.30am** to ensure a prompt start to tutor time and Period 1. Students arriving late after 8.35am without good reason will receive a same-day 15-minute detention at break or lunch.

We ask for your full support in ensuring your child leaves home in good time every day.

## Uniform

Our uniform policy is non-negotiable and reflects the pride we take in our Academy. All students are expected to wear full uniform correctly. This includes blazers, hoodies are banned and plain black school jumpers may be worn under blazers if students wish.

Uniform and equipment will be checked daily during morning tutor time. If a student arrives without the correct uniform, parents/carers will be contacted. Spare or replacement items will be provided where necessary. If there is a genuine reason for incorrect uniform, students should speak to their tutor, who may issue a temporary uniform slip.



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Our full uniform guide is available on the school website. If you are facing financial hardship, please speak with your child's tutor or HOY in confidence and support is available.

### **Mobile Phones and Ear Pods**

From the moment a student enters the school gates, phones and ear pods must be switched off and out of sight. Any student seen using these during the day will have them confiscated until the end of the day. Repeat misuse will result in the phone being kept until collected by a parent/carer. If you need to contact your child during the day, please phone school reception.

### **Toilets**

We have had an ongoing issue with students using lesson time to meet in toilets, leading to damage and disruption. During lesson time, only toilets near Student Services and Maths will be open and supervised.

All toilets will be open at break and lunch. Students will be encouraged to use them at these times. Staff will only allow toilet access during lessons if there is a genuine need, and this will be recorded. If your child has a medical condition requiring unrestricted access, please inform us.

### **Behaviour and Detentions**


A small number of students are choosing to challenge staff, answer back or walk off when spoken to. This is not acceptable. We expect respectful responses, even when students may not agree with a decision in the moment.

Detentions of 30 or 60 minutes will be issued for poor behaviour. We will always involve parents where behaviour reaches this level, but I must be clear if a student persistently refuses to meet our expectations and a parent feels unable to support the school, further action will be taken. Ultimately, this may result in the student no longer being able to remain at Quarrydale.

We know that the vast majority of students behave well and try their best. The steps outlined above are to support those students and to ensure that every child can learn in a calm, safe and respectful environment.

As always, we appreciate your support in ensuring Quarrydale remains a school we can all be proud of.

Yours sincerely,



Mr T Paling  
Headteacher

