

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

Dear parents and carers,

### **Raising standards - punctuality**

I am writing to thank you for your continued support in raising standards at Kirk Hallam Community Academy. The introduction of our new morning punctuality system has been a tremendous success. I am so proud of our students for 'raising the bar' and showing their commitment to the school.

Punctuality is vital for success in adult life, and I am delighted that our students have responded so positively to the new system. Lateness has dramatically reduced which enables all tutor groups to make a positive and purposeful start to the day. A huge thank you to all our families for ensuring students arrive to school in a timely manner.

From Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June, we will be introducing a similar system to support punctuality to lessons. There is of course no reason for any student to be late to a lesson once on the school site, and we want to ensure that all lessons can begin in a focused and professional manner.

All students have exactly five minutes to move from one lesson to another. Our entire site can be crossed in considerably less than this. Should a student arrive late once the register is taken, after the allotted 5 minutes travel time, they will be issued with a 15-minute, same day detention. This applies to periods 1-4. Lateness to periods 5 or 6 will incur a 15-minute detention for the following day. Each time a student is late to a lesson during the day, it will trigger a further 15 minutes – for example, 3 lates in one day would lead to a total 45 minutes detention.

The overwhelming majority of our students arrive to every lesson in good time and ready to learn. All our students deserve a disruption free start to every lesson, and we have discussed this at length in our recent year group assemblies.

I would also like to share how well our students have responded to our weekly rewards system. So many students have successfully completed their Character Cards and earned prizes. I have enjoyed speaking to so many of our students about their hard work and demonstration of positive character. I have been particularly struck by how determined they have been in their work and how kind they have been in their communication with others.

Thank you for your continued support in raising standards at our fantastic school.

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Turner  
Headteacher