## To Parents/Carers of all Year 8 pupils

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Detentions**

I am writing to remind you of an existing policy regarding detentions for all pupils at Saint Cecilia's. We kindly request your attention and understanding as we reinforce this rule.

Over the past few weeks, we have received numerous requests from pupils to swap their assigned detentions due to various extra-curricular commitments, such as clubs and after-school activities. While we appreciate the enthusiasm and dedication of our pupils in participating in such endeavours, we believe it is crucial to reiterate the importance of responsibility and accountability for their actions.

As outlined in our behaviour policy, if a pupil receives a detention, it is expected to be completed on the designated day. This policy has been in place to ensure consistency and fairness across the school community, promoting a positive learning environment where all pupils are held accountable for their behaviour.

To maintain this policy and ensure its effectiveness, we would like to emphasise that we will no longer be accommodating requests to swap detentions. By upholding this approach, we can continue to instil a sense of responsibility in our pupils, teaching them the importance of managing their time effectively and fulfilling their commitments.

We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing this policy at home. Please engage in open conversations with your child about prioritising their responsibilities and making choices that align with their academic and personal growth.

Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

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