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Dear Parents / Carers

Having settled in to life at Weavers Academy I wanted to send out the first of what will be a regular KS3 Pastoral and Academic update. This will focus on raising standards and improving chances for success and achievement for all students.

### **Academic Matters**

#### **School Bags / Homework**

It is school policy that **ALL** students should have a bag large enough to put their A4 folder / class book in. Students are required to bring this bag every day. I am currently focusing on KS3 homework completion. You will now find a copy of the homework timetable on the 'Letters Home' tab on school web page (<http://www.weaversacademy.org.uk/about-us/letters-home>). Students will need to bring their books home to complete homework in. Please help support your child with checking their homework diary and discussing with your child the standard of their completed homework.

#### **Reports**

You have already received a copy of our new style Interim Report. This report will be issued each half-term and supplements the full reports issued once a year. We fully appreciate a new system has teething problems and takes getting used to. Thank you for all your helpful comments. We will ensure all feedback we have received is taken on board.

#### **Parents' Evenings**

Parents' Evenings, like reports, are an important means of communication between home and school. It is our expectation that all parents will attend Parents' Evenings. The dates of your son or daughter's Parents' Evenings are:

Year 9 – Wednesday 12 March

Year 8 – Wednesday 30 April

Year 7 – Wednesday 21 May

These evenings are designed to allow you to talk with staff on how your child is working and progressing in their subject. This is an opportunity for sharing information on what your child needs to do next to continue to move forward in their learning.

#### **Year 9 Options**

The government has introduced a range of changes for students studying their GCSEs from September 2014. As a result the school has undertaken a full review of the KS4 curriculum to ensure student success. After half term Year 9 students will be issued with options booklets and all parents and students will attend an individual options meeting with a member of SLT.

#### **Pastoral Matters**

##### **Behaviour**

Most Weavers students enjoy coming to school and form strong relationships with their peers however at times students do fall out, have disagreements and



arguments and this can cause disruption to their and others' learning. I am developing a new Pupil Charter that will set out what we expect in terms of positive relationship and interactions.

For students who bully the message is simple; that students who cannot operate in our community in a pleasant and successful way will not be tolerated. The Pupil Charter will be shared with students in assemblies in the coming weeks.

### **Detentions**

Mr Reynolds (KS4 Leader), Mr Boddy and I are currently developing a Behaviour for Learning (BFL) system that will involve clear expectations of behaviour at Weavers, with clear consequences for any student who is not able to follow basic school rules and expectations. Every lesson counts is our school mantra. Disruptive behaviour is not the norm at Weavers and staff and students share a desire to make lesson engaging and improve standards.

A new detention system will be integral to this BFL system and will involve formal after school detentions and more lengthy afterschool senior staff detention.

### **Rewards**

Please take a look at the fantastic photos and short article on our website regarding the recent Achievement Assemblies. Our top performing students received academic badges for outstanding effort, achievement and attendance. The motivation and dedication to their success of these students should be commended.

### **Engagement**

#### **Read for My School / 500 word story competition, Radio 2**

A reminder that Mrs Satyanadhan recently sent out information regarding these brilliant events to get involved in. The letters are available on the 'Letters Home' tab we have created on the main school home page.

### **Homework Club**

A reminder that designated classrooms are open every night so students can stay and do homework and use the internet and printers. Your sons and daughters should be encouraged to make use of this facility if doing homework is a problem.

I am also involved in a project with the Northamptonshire Library Service who want to launch a Homework club at the town library for students of all of the schools in the town. I will let you know more about this when it goes live.

Many thanks for your support in all the matters raised.

Yours sincerely

Mr Mawby  
KS3 Leader