

June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we now begin our final half term of 2020-2021, I am writing to update you on our plans for the remainder of the academic year.

### **Movement Around the Building**

This half term we have lifted the restrictions on student movement around school and their classes will no longer be taught in only one zone. Students will move around school and access practical spaces that have been largely out of use since our return in March. This is an exciting time as we begin to move back to some kind of normality for staff and students. We will also spend time this term revisiting routines for moving around the Academy safely and in an orderly fashion.

### **Detentions**

As part of our return to normality we will be reinstating our after-school sanction system for those students who fail to comply with the Academy's behavior expectations. This means that we will be running after school detentions for those students who receive one or more red in a day. Detentions will last 35 minutes. Where possible, detentions will be served on the same day. You will be notified by text by 1.30pm at the latest should your child be placed in detention that evening. If a child fails the detention, they will serve another detention the following day, which will be 1 hour in duration. SLT detentions will take place on Thursdays for 1 hour and again you will be notified if your child will be in detention. The table below clarifies the expected departure time for those in detention depending on the band they are in.

Band	Daily detention finish time	SLT detention finish time- Thursdays
7a/8a/9a	3.05pm	3.35pm
7b/8b/9b	3.35pm	4.05pm
Year 10	4.05pm	4.30pm

I would respectfully remind parents that schools do not need parental permission to issue a detention as a sanction or for a child to attend that detention. Where possible, we will work with parents if a detention proves problematic, but we expect parental support of the sanctions system that is in place at Appleton, including as it applies to detentions.

### **Laptops**

This is a reminder that we would like to begin to collect in the laptops that were loaned out to students to use during the January to March lockdown and beyond. This will enable us to check them, update them and have them ready for future use by students when and if they are needed. We will collect laptops in a coordinated way over a number of weeks. Students will be required to return the laptop, charging cable and any other equipment that was loaned with the laptop. Students can bring the laptops to school themselves on any day during the specified week or, alternatively, parents can drop them off at the times specified below. We will send text reminders out nearer the time. Laptop collection dates are set out below:

Year 11	Week commencing 7 June 2021 9.15-11.00am
Year 10	Week commencing 14 June 2021 9.15-11.00am
Year 9	Week commencing 21 June 2021 9.15-11.00am
Year 8	Week commencing 28 June 2021 9.15-11.00am
Year 7	Week commencing 5 July 2021 9.15-11.00am



**Parents' Evenings and End of Term Reports**

As the year draws to a close, parents of all students in Years 7 to 10 will receive an end of year progress report for their child. These will be sent out in the final week of term, following the conclusion of all parents' evenings. Though Year 10 students will be undertaking mock exams during week commencing Monday 21 June 2021, the results of these will not be available for the end of year progress report, as staff will need time to mark and moderate the papers. These results will, therefore, be shared with parents early in September.

The following parents' evening are due to take place this half term. Please ensure you use school cloud to book your appointments:

- Wednesday 9 June 2021 – Year 7 Parents' Evening**
- Tuesday 22 June 2021 – Year 10 Parents' Evening**
- Thursday 1 July 2021 – Year 8 Parents' Evening**

**Attendance**

We have only 6 school weeks remaining of this academic year and it is important that children attend school as much as they possibly can as we begin our phased return to normal.

Can I remind you that continuing to follow Covid safe protocols, such as the twice weekly lateral flow tests, handwashing, social distancing and mask wearing in communal areas, remain a key priority in order to protect us all against infection and further bubble closures.

We are looking forward to a gradual return to normality and as such it is important that we maintain our high standards until the end of the summer term.

I would like to thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rachel Garlick'.

Rachel Garlick  
Head of Secondary