



ST BONIFACE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE
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Thursday 8 September 2016

Dear Parents

We as a College continue to drive forwards to ensure the best possible educational outcomes for your son and as such, we would like to keep you informed as to the following key changes being implemented for 2016 - 17.

In order to support learning, there will be a greater emphasis made on the presentation of your son's work, so please ensure he has a black pen, pencil and ruler as part of his equipment for school.

We will also be using symbols as part of the marking policy, to encourage more detailed feedback from your son on how to move his learning forwards and to engage in the feedback we offer on his written learning. Marking will also include formative, written responses to their work and feedback as well as summative (a grade) feedback.

The reading half hour will direct Key Stage 3 students to books provided by the College to ensure your son is stretched in his reading in order to support his literacy and comprehension in all subjects.

We are introducing "Show My Homework", an online system, which will enable you to be able to track the homework set for you son, mirroring that noted in his planner. Logins will be sent to parents shortly.

The focus of our Behaviour Policy continues to be to reward your son for going above and beyond expectations, whether this is for attainment, progress, effort, service to the College or to the wider community.

We look to continue to reward students and recognize going above and beyond in their efforts through merit tokens, postcards home, phone calls and emails to parents, notes in the planner, merit certificates, go-kart experience and whole College reward opportunities.

If a student does not meet our expectations then they will first be given a B1 - a formal verbal reminder regarding our expectations of behaviour. The next step in the process is a B2 as a

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second and formal reminder. If the student does not follow the member of staff's expectations, then they will receive a B3 consequence which links to a one hour detention after school on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 15.30 - 16.30. (You and your son will be informed of this by email with twenty-four hours notice.

If the student still does not meet expectations after being issued a B3 then they will receive a B4 where they will be placed in the Director of the subject area's classroom with learning to complete.

The College operates a policy of applying fixed term inclusions - B5 - as a consequence of serious breaches of the Behaviour Policy. These take place in the Link Room where students complete work in isolation in supervised conditions.

Please note that if a student does not co-operate with a member of staff they will receive a B5 consequence.

We appreciate your continued support of the College and look forward to working alongside you for the benefit of your son for 2016 - 17.

Yours faithfully

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