



THE AVON VALLEY SCHOOL & PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Punctuality Drive After Half Term

I am writing to all parents and carers regarding the importance of students arriving to lessons and school on time. While the majority of students do have good punctuality, we have noticed an increase in the number of students beginning to arrive late to school and lessons. This is having a negative effect on the learning of others and the smooth start to the school day and lessons.

So far this year collective student lateness has totalled **2671 lost hours of learning across the school.**

After half term, we are having a whole school focus on improving punctuality. As part of this drive to support students, we have introduced 4 minutes of movement time between lessons. Additionally, we have reintroduced a 'Pip' (soft bell sound) system to signify the start and end of lessons, this is following feedback from pupils around the need for clarity about timings.

Part of the drive will see pupils receive positive points awarded for good punctuality. These points will be awarded weekly by form tutors and can be spent by students in the reward shop.

For students who arrive late to school, the system will remain the same with a break time DT given unless a valid reason is provided. I must stress however, **students arriving after 9.15am will receive a 'U' code which counts against their attendance.** This is a statutory requirement from the government, not a school rule.

Students who are **late to lessons 2 or more times** in the same day will receive a **30 minute after school detention set for the following day.** This can be combined with other detentions already set if needed up to 60 minutes, to avoid creating a backlog of detentions. We will also use pupil punctuality reports if required for pupils to monitor their punctuality.

We are hoping that with support from parents and carers, all pupils will develop and understand the important life skill of good time keeping.

Yours sincerely,

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