

# Chamberlayne College for the Arts

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A school with specialist status in the performing arts

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Dear parent/carer

I'd like to take this opportunity to very briefly introduce myself. I have taken over as the deputy headteacher at Chamberlayne College for the Arts from Mr Harvey. My central role is to take a strategic lead in raising the academic standards of our students so that they can achieve a rewarding life in whatever pathway they decide to take.

Fostering a real sense of pride, self-discipline and a love of learning is imperative if we are going to be successful in helping our students compete academically with others nationally. It is clearly important at the outset that our young people are truly focused on their learning and that they make a clear distinction between school and social time outside school. In order to ensure that we achieve this, we have some very high expectations of them and their conduct.

## Expectations

We expect students to abide by the school uniform policy that can be found on the school website. I would particularly like to draw to your attention to the ruling that leggings/jeggings and trousers of a jean material are not allowed. Students should wear school trousers or skirt which should be knee length. In addition, school shoes should be completely black and boots are not allowed.

Students who persistently flaunt or purposely break these rules *will* suffer consequences such as being taken out of circulation during their recreation time.

It is also an expectation that our students use their planner as a means to record homework, communicate with home and as a resource to support with their learning. Planners are expected to be out and on desks during all lessons. If you need to purchase a new planner, please contact your child's tutor or head of year.

## Detentions

From the 7<sup>th</sup> November, we will be altering our detention system so that it becomes more effective and is more immediate. If your child is given a 20minute break or lunchtime detention, you will be informed through a message in their planner; it will be set for the same day. If your child is given a 30minute detention or more after school, you will receive a text home with a follow up phone call from the member of staff who issued the detention. 30minute detentions will be set for the next day to ensure that problems are dealt with rapidly. Students that persistently disrupt others' learning or misbehave outside of lessons, will be placed in our Internal Exclusion Room (IER) for a period of time where they will be supervised by a senior member of staff.

## Right to Teach; Right to Learn.

Finally, we are sharing with students the idea that they all have a right to learn and their teacher has a right to teach and nobody can take away those rights. We will not tolerate any other student disrupting lessons and where appropriate students may be isolated in the IER in order to deter poor behaviour. Thank you very much for your understanding and support in this matter; it is really appreciated. If you have any questions or problems regarding these issues, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr N S Giles  
Deputy Headteacher

