

## Introduction from Chris Mason – Assistant Principal Key Stage 3

To all Parents / Carers of students in Key Stage 3

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself as the new Assistant Principal for Key Stage 3. Although officially starting in January, I have managed to visit and begin work at Gosforth Junior High Academy before the holidays and have been extremely impressed with so many aspects of the school. This has included the volume of PRAISE stamps being awarded in lessons, due to positive attitudes to learning and behaviour, and the desire of many students who have approached me to welcome me to the school and speak to me about their personal interests. I will make sure I have my own PRAISE stamp ready for January ready to reward such enthusiasm!

To ensure standards remain high in all aspects of school life, I would like to clarify certain thresholds around any inappropriate behaviour for all students in Key Stage 3.

### Detentions

From January, the consequences for accumulating C3s in a week will result in the stated length of detention the following Friday:

C3s	Length of detention
3-5	45 minutes
6-8	1 hour
9-11	1 hour 15 minutes
12 or more	1 hour 30 minutes

You will be notified, via email, on a Monday if your child has a detention for the Friday of that week.

For further clarification, I would encourage you to regularly check your child's planner as C3s will be recorded by staff. I want to stress the importance of the planner in being central to communication between school and home - both in informing you of any rewards your child receives through stamps, as well as sanctions - and as such, please continue to sign this weekly. C3s can also be given for any additional inappropriate behaviour outside of the classroom;

Please see a reminder of the behaviour code list below that staff will use to record any C3s accrued. This will ensure clarity between students, staff and parent/ carers:

<b>Code</b>	<b>Behaviour</b>
RC	Red card
D	Defiance (refusal to follow instructions/ challenging behaviour towards staff)
B	Behaviour
DB	Dangerous behaviour
OT	Off task (lack of work and effort)
U	Uniform (PE also)
E	Equipment (stationery, planners etc.)
L	Late
CH	Chewing
HW	Homework
O	Out of bounds

As we know, the vast majority of our students regularly display exemplary behaviour within school. In the unlikely event a student receives 12 C3's within a week, in addition to the 1 hour 30-minute detention they will be asked to work in isolation. This will be communicated to you by your child's pastoral lead or the Senior Leadership Team. This would also occur should a child receive multiple red cards in the week.

B.A.L.E will continue to be used at break / lunch time for certain misdemeanours e.g. late to school.

To ensure a fresh start to 2025, 3 or more C3s accrued in the first week back will result in a detention to be sat on Friday 17 January.

Finally, I am genuinely excited about starting permanently in January. I hope my skills and experience can enhance what is already in place as we work together to ensure the best outcomes for students at the school. Have a lovely, restful break and I will look forward to meeting many of you in person on Review Day on Friday 10 January 2025.

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