

# St Monica's R.C. High School and 6th Form Centre



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Dear Parents and Carers

Following a successful pilot with year 9 pupils in the summer term, we are now rolling out the standards card system to all pupils in years 7-11.

## How will the system work?

All pupils will be issued with a standards card which they will need to carry with them every day in their top blazer pocket. These cards will monitor the following standards:

- **Correct Uniform and appearance at all times.**
- **Correct Equipment for lessons such as a pen/pencil/ruler, books, journal, P.E. Kit, Food Tech ingredients etc. Each subject will tell pupils exactly what the required equipment is.**
- **Punctuality to lessons. If pupils are late because they have been with a member of staff they will need their journal signed or a note.**
- **Standards around school - good behaviour on the corridors, not being in the school building during break or dinner without good reason, using the correct toilets, no fizzy/energy drinks or littering.**

Form tutors will check that pupils have their card with them every morning. If pupils do not meet a required standard then staff will sign their card. If a pupil gains three signatures in one particular row, then a standards detention will be issued.

## What is a standards detention?

The head of year will supervise an after school detention given for one of the following reasons:

- A pupil has received three signatures on his/her standards card
- A pupil does not have his/her standards card
- A pupil refuses to hand over his/her standards card.

Standards detentions will take place on Mondays in room 10 from 3-3.30pm. During that time pupils will complete worksheets on how to improve their behaviour.

## What if my child forgets his/her card?

They will receive a standards detention and be issued with a new card. This will cancel out the old card.

## How will I know if my child has a standards detention?

It will be logged on the school SIMS system. Please log onto the School Com Parent Portal.



**What happens after a standards detention?**

Pupils will be issued with a new card to make a fresh start. This will apply to pupils who have three signatures or who forget their card.

**What happens if a pupil does not attend a standards detention?**

A member of the senior management team will contact home and issue an hour long detention with them.

**What happens if my child gets no signatures for the half term?**

This will be logged as an achievement and pupils will receive a reward.

**What about other issues not mentioned on the standards card?**

Issues such as homework, behaviour in class etc. will be dealt with according to the rules and procedures outlined in the positive behaviour for learning policy.

**How will pupils know what to do?**

It will be explained to pupils in form time and in assemblies. Reminder posters will be put into form rooms.

We hope that this new system will continue to motivate pupils to aim for the highest standards and remove any hindrances to the best learning experience.

If you have any queries regarding the new system then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Headteacher