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Dear parent/carer,

I would like to congratulate our students on an excellent first term and thank you for your continued support. During Term 1, students were awarded **over 142,000 positive points**. This is a fantastic achievement that reflects the hard work, positive attitudes and excellent choices being made across our school community. We are incredibly proud of this and look forward to recognising even more student success throughout Term 2.

As we build on this positive start, I would like to remind families of a few important expectations. Our *Above the Line* approach continues to encourage students to be Ready, Respectful, Engaged, Responsible and Reflective. Positive choices are recognised through praise, positive points and Golden Tickets.

Where students fall below our expectations, appropriate sanctions will be issued. It is important that students attend any detention they receive, as failure to do so will result in further escalation. We ask parents and carers to reinforce the importance of taking responsibility and completing sanctions promptly.

Completing homework regularly and to a high standard is essential to students' progress and achievement. Homework helps students consolidate their learning, develop independence and build positive study habits. We ask families to support students in meeting homework deadlines and taking pride in the work they produce. Where homework is not completed, sanctions will be issued and completed within the relevant subject departments.

Department for Education guidance confirms that teachers have the authority to set detentions (including outside normal school hours) and that parental consent is not required where the detention meets the lawful conditions set out in that guidance. The school follows DfE guidance and the procedures in our Behaviour Policy when issuing detentions. In line with this, we respectfully request your support in ensuring that your child attends any set detention.

If there are exceptional reasons why attendance to a set detention would be unreasonable (for example an unavoidable medical appointment), please let the school know so we can consider this. Absent a valid reason, the detention is expected to be attended if given and failure to attend will be managed in line with our Behaviour Policy accordingly.

Our shared aim is to ensure every student feels supported, achieves their potential and can learn in a calm, respectful and purposeful environment. By working together and reinforcing our expectations, we can help every student enjoy a successful second term.

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Thank you once again for your ongoing support. We are incredibly proud of what our students achieved in Term 1 and look forward to building on this success.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Gipki

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