



Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by saying what a fantastic start to the new term the majority of our students have made. Uniform is looking smart, Year 11s are staying for after-school enrichment in significant numbers and the earlier school start has gone very smoothly. We have some exciting new developments coming this term including new Love to Learn projects, KS3 enrichment trips for all students and an impressive wrap-around revision plan for Year 11.

Expectations for Learning update

As you will be aware, our Expectations for Learning policy is utilised consistently across the school to promote a safe and inclusive environment conducive to learning, ensuring high achievement for all students. The Expectations for Learning policy's principal role is to support learning whilst also tackling and dealing with low level disruptive behaviour. This supports the teaching and learning in our classrooms, contributing to the successful outcomes that our students achieve. The E4L policy, combined with our strong praise culture, supports a safe, productive and focussed culture within our school. I hope that you have enjoyed seeing the many positive moments celebrated on our social media @Denton_College.

What is a C5?

Within the Expectations for Learning policy, a C5 means a student has disrupted learning significantly and then has to spend a day in the Supervision Room.

As you will be aware students are given a general reminder about expected behaviour every lesson. If a student chooses to disrupt learning despite this reminder then the teacher will apply in-class strategies to encourage a positive response, students who continue to disrupt learning may receive a C1 personal warning, on occasions where a student continues to disrupt learning they may receive a C2, C3 and C4 in which they will move to a Matrix room and receive a detention, indicated by a sticker in their planner.


On the rare occasion where a student misbehaves / disrupts the lesson in their Matrix classroom, then they are issued with a C5. The student is sent to the Supervision Room for the remainder of the lesson and will return to complete a full day in supervision the day after - and then complete their detention until 3:30pm. A C5 may also be issued for not attending a detention or for causing disruption outside of lessons.

It is this element of the policy that I would particularly like to draw your attention to: students who are in the Supervision Room for a full day will stay to complete their detention and leave at 3.30pm. In the unusual instance where a student refuses to stay until 3:30pm as a result of their C5, then will then be issued a C6 suspension.

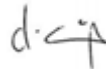
The majority of students at Denton Community College behave impeccably and for most parents this information will not be needed. However, if your child does disrupt the learning of others in school to such an extent that they are in the Supervision Room then it is important that you are able to explain to them what is expected. It is also important that they understand that school and home are working together to ensure that they succeed in school and, vitally, that they do not disturb the learning of others.

I would like to finish by talking about the importance of good attendance to school. I know that this is something that Mr Cumming mentions in his letters to you, but it is something that cannot be highlighted enough. Ensuring your child is in school every day, unless absolutely necessary, really does make a difference: to their confidence, to their outcomes and to their life chances. We have had some very positive responses to our improved approach to following up lateness and attendance, and seen an improvement. We will continue to develop this work and I must thank you for getting your child to school on time each day.

Yours Sincerely,



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