



ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2. PARENTS' GUIDE TO DETENTION POLICY

Departments, Heads of Year and individual members of staff will use detentions and a range of sanctions to ensure that standards are maintained. Detentions can be given for a range of misdemeanors which might include the following; not doing homework, talking in class, chewing gum in school etc.

Detentions may be given the same day without notice for up to half an hour. However, we will always contact parents to advise them of this if the pupil requests that contact be made. Pupils can also use an office telephone to phone home directly.

The school operates a central detention system operated by Year Heads and members of the Senior Management team, which relates to Xs being recorded in the pupil journal or a late stamp being given (for lateness to school).

An 'X' written in the journal is an official school sanction and will lead to a loss of lunchtime the very next day. Two Xs in any one school week (Monday to Friday) will result in an hour detention the following week (Friday evening). Parents are notified by letter (these are sent on Wednesday or Thursday and pupils are informed by their Head of Year). More than two Xs and the pupil must also attend a Saturday morning detention for one hour from 8.30am to 9.30am in full school uniform. Any child failing to turn up to Friday night detention will get a Saturday morning detention in addition, (they still have to do the Friday detention). Failure to turn up to a Saturday morning detention is likely to result in an exclusion of a day or two.

For those pupils who consistently miss doing homework, the compulsory 5 O'clock club operates every week, Monday to Friday, until 5.00 pm. Pupils are expected to attend weekly until it is felt that homework habits have improved. We expect all parents to support us in the operation of detentions.

1 X	Daily Detention at lunchtime
2 X	Friday Detention
3 X	Saturday Detention