

5<sup>th</sup> January 2025



Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! I hope you and your families enjoyed the Christmas break.

We have an immediate focus on learning as we return for the spring term, with Year 10 taking their first round of mock exams from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Year 11 will receive the grades for their mocks on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January. This term is also significant for Year 9 students, with options evening fast approaching on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some important focus areas for us this term:

### **Student Conduct During Lesson Time**

Our behaviour system in lesson time is designed to give students choices and an opportunity to 'get it right'.

Its principle role is to support learning by tackling and dealing with low level disruptive behaviour, i.e. behaviour that undermines the student's own learning or that of others. If unchecked, this sort of behaviour disrupts lessons and undermines the authority of the teacher.

Teachers will insist on one voice in the classroom for instructions, explanations, discussions, silence for reading, writing and deliberate practice.

Where teachers feel that the flow of learning is being continually disrupted by an individual or group of individuals, a series of demerits will be issued followed by a detention, providing an opportunity for students to correct their actions and get it right. Where students do not respond positively despite these warnings, students will be removed from the lesson and a series of sanctions will follow.

### **Period 6**

Period 6 helped us to secure significant improvements in outcomes for students in 2024. Our focus on retrieval is essential in preparing students for exam success. Students in Year 10 and 11 have a compulsory period 6 lesson on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is part of students' normal school day, and is not optional. If a student fails to attend Period 6, sanctions will be issued for lesson truancy.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to working with you throughout 2025 as we endeavour to realise the full potential of each and every Pakefield student.

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Head of School