



Weekly Principal's Letter – 7th January

Dear families,

I am writing to you with a brief update with a few items relevant for this coming term.

Roll Call / Tutor Time Changes

As of Monday the 13th January we will move our morning equipment checks to take place in tutor time instead of roll call. We are doing this so that we can thoroughly check students equipment before they start their lessons. If students are missing an item of equipment we will give them a replacement item. There are only two items of equipment for which students will receive a 30 minute detention if they don't have them:

- Not having a pencil case
- Not having their character card (as you will be aware students need to keep their character card for a full week).

Equipment Reminder

I have included in here a reminder of equipment required to be bought to school by students at Nova each day:

- Pencil case (ideally made of clear plastic)
- Pen (black or blue)
- Pencil
- 30cm ruler
- Green Pen
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Protractor
- Scientific calculator
- A4 size white board
- White board pen

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Y7-10 Detentions

We have made a change this term to now run Y7-10 detentions after school on Mondays as well as Tuesday to Friday. The reason for this is that we always want to ensure that detentions are sat as soon as possible after they have been issued. Students detentions being 'rolled over' from Monday to Tuesday was causing confusion for some students as to the reason for their detention. Doing this will hopefully simplify the detention system for all concerned.

Late Students

The vast majority of students arrive to school on time at Nova every single day. Students arriving late to school halfway through tutor time or a lesson can be very disruptive, Therefore going forwards if students arrive to school during the middle of a timetabled period rather than going straight to lesson they will instead go to the community room or reflection room and wait there until the end of that lesson. It is important to note that they will not be kept in the reflection room beyond the end of that lesson, they are simply going there to wait in a supervised space until the start of their next lesson. For example a student arriving at 9.30am would go to the reflection room until 10.00am and then at 10.00am would go straight to their period two lesson as normal.

Students arriving late to school will still receive a 30 minute detention as previously.

It is important to add that students who arrive late due to a scheduled appointment will come in and go straight to lesson as previously.

Truancy

At Nova Hreod we will from Monday 13th onwards be increasing the amount of time students have to move between lessons from five to six minutes. Given how compact our building and how wide the corridors are this is ample time for students to move across the building and use the toilet if needed. There is no reason for students to arrive later than six minutes to lesson at this school. From Monday the 13th if students do arrive later than six minutes to lesson this will be classed as truancy and they will be sent to the reflection room.

2025 – 2026 Term Dates

A reminder that the 2025 – 2026 term dates have now been published for Nova Hreod and can be found on the school website linked here: [NHA Term Dates 2025-2026.pdf](#)

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours sincerely



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Principal