

Weald of Kent Grammar School

Positive Behaviour Policy – September 2023

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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Create a positive culture that promotes excellent behaviour, ensuring that all students can learn in a calm, safe and supportive environment.
- Establish a whole-school approach to maintaining high standards of behaviour that reflect the values of the school.
- Outline the expectations and consequences of behaviour.
- o Provide a consistent approach to behaviour management that is applied equally to all students.
- o Define what we consider to be unacceptable behaviour, including bullying and discrimination.

2. Legislation, statutory requirements, and statutory guidance

This policy is based on legislation and advice from the Department for Education (DfE) on:

- o Behaviour in schools: advice for headteachers and school staff 2022
- o Searching, screening and confiscation: advice for schools 2022
- The Equality Act 2010
- Keeping Children Safe in Education
- o Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and Student referral units in England 2017
- Suspension and permanent exclusion from maintained schools, academies and Student referral units in England, including Student movement - 2022
- o Use of reasonable force in schools
- o Supporting Students with medical conditions at school
- o It is also based on the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice.
- o In addition, this policy is based on:
- <u>DfE guidance</u> explaining that academies should publish their behaviour policy and antibullying strategy.

3. Overview of approach

At Weald of Kent Grammar School we maintain high expectations for all students. We have a clear set of values which underpin our approach and students are encouraged to foster these attributes and celebrate in their successes.

The core values are as follows:

- o Be curious
- Be brave
- Be kind

The 'golden rules' which all students must adhere to are as follows:

- Be respectful
- o Be responsible
- o Be honest

This is delivered through many aspects of school life such as form time activities, assemblies, PSHE and enrichment opportunities.

4. Examples of behaviours

We want all of our students to demonstrate positive behaviour to prepare them for the future. Some examples include:

- Participating actively during lessons and making positive contributions
- Adhering to the school rules

- Being courageous in our learning
- Treating all members of the school community with compassion
- Being respectful to all members of the school community, thinking carefully about how we speak to each other
- Being responsible for our actions and thinking through consequences
- Engaging actively in the wider school community and engaging with enrichment opportunities
- Listening to the viewpoints of others and understanding differing points of view
- Following the uniform policy and expectations for school routines

Some examples of misbehaviour include:

- o Being unkind to another member of the school community
- Disruption in lessons, in corridors between lessons, and at break and lunchtimes
- Non-completion of classwork or homework
- A lack of effort with classwork or homework
- Poor attitude towards any school activity
- o Incorrect uniform

Some examples of serious misbehaviour include:

- o Repeated breaches of the school rules
- Sexual violence or sexual harassment
- Vandalism
- Theft
- Physical assault
- Smoking and vaping
- o Racist, sexist, homophobic or discriminatory behaviour
- Possession of any prohibited items

5. Roles and responsibilities

5.1 The Trust Board

The Trust Board is responsible for monitoring this behaviour policy's effectiveness and holding the headteacher to account for its implementation.

5.2 The Senior Leadership Team

The leadership team are responsible for:

- Ensuring that the policy is implemented consistently and fairly.
- Role modelling the delivery of the positive behaviour policy.
- Supporting staff in promoting the positive behaviour policy.
- Ensuring that the school environment encourages positive behaviour.
- Ensuring that all staff understand the behavioural expectations and that everyone takes responsibility for promoting positive behaviour.

- Providing new staff with a clear induction into the school's positive behavioural culture to ensure they understand its rules and routines, and how best to support all students to participate fully.
- Offering appropriate training in behaviour management, and the impact of special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and mental health needs on behaviour, to any staff who require it, so they can fulfil their duties set out in this policy. This will include coaching and mentoring opportunities to support staff in delivering on our key aims.
- Ensuring this policy works alongside the safeguarding policy to offer students both sanctions and support when necessary.
- Ensuring that the data from ClassCharts is reviewed regularly, to make sure that no groups
 of students are being disproportionately impacted by this policy.

5.3 Teachers and staff

Staff are responsible for:

- o Maintaining a calm, consistent and fair approach to behaviour management.
- o Place emphasis on pro-active strategies, rather than reactive approaches.
- Using praise and reward as a first step to encouraging positive behaviour through over and beyond recognition through class praise, in-school methods for recognition and awards celebrations.
- Maintaining high expectations for behaviour and clear boundaries of acceptable student behaviour.
- o Communicating the school's expectations for the school values of curiosity, courage and compassion, all of which underpin the approach to behaviour at Weald of Kent.
- Communicating the school's routines and standards through teaching behaviour through our three 'golden rules' and embedding this approach through classroom routines, assemblies and acknowledging success.
- Modelling expected behaviour and positive relationships.
- Providing a personalised approach to the specific behavioural needs of particular students and working with all stakeholders to achieve positive outcomes.
- Considering their own behaviour on the school culture and how they can uphold school rules and expectations.
- o Recording behaviour incidents promptly through our use of ClassCharts.
- o Challenging Students to meet the school's expectations.

5.4 Parents and carers

Parents and carers should:

- Get to know the school's behaviour policy and reinforce it at home where appropriate, emphasising the 'golden rules'.
- Support their child in adhering to the school's behaviour policy.
- o Inform the school of any changes in circumstances that may affect their child's behaviour.
- Discuss any behavioural concerns with the class teacher promptly.
- Take part in any pastoral work following misbehaviour (for example: attending reviews of specific behaviour interventions).
- Raise any concerns about the management of behaviour with the school directly, whilst continuing to work in partnership with the school.

Take part in the life of the school and its culture.

The school will endeavour to build a positive relationship with parents and carers by keeping them informed about developments in their child's behaviour and the school's policy and working in collaboration with them to tackle behavioural issues.

5.5 Students

Students will be made aware of the following during their induction into the behaviour culture:

- The expected standard of behaviour they should be displaying at school.
- o That they have a duty to follow the behaviour policy.
- o The school's golden rules and routines.
- The rewards they can earn for above and beyond recognition.
- o The pastoral support that is available to them to help them meet the behavioural standards.

Students will be supported to develop an understanding of the school's behaviour policy and wider culture.

Students will be asked to give feedback on their experience of the behaviour culture to support the evaluation, improvement and implementation of the behaviour policy.

Extra support and induction will be provided for Students who are mid-phase arrivals.

6. Rewards

Responding to positive behaviour

When a student's behaviour meets or goes above and beyond the expected behaviour standard, staff will recognise it with positive recognition and reward. This provides an opportunity for all staff to reinforce the school's culture and ethos.

Positive reinforcements and rewards will be applied clearly and fairly to reinforce the routines, expectations and norms of the school's behaviour culture.

Positive behaviour will be rewarded with:

- Verbal praise
- Star of the week
- o Communicating with parents and carers through e-postcards, phone calls and emails.
- Above and beyond recognition shared through our student bulletin
- Awards celebrations
- Headteacher recognition
- Positions of responsibility

This is an essential part of the positive behaviour culture and staff are encouraged to model these behaviours and identify successes on a regular basis.

7. Support

7.1 In-school support

Staff will consider what support could be offered to a student to help them to meet behaviour standards.

This could include measures like:

Individual Form Tutor support

- Daily contact with the Head of Year
- Monitoring reports
- A Personalised Support Plan to set clear targets for improvement this will be agreed in conjunction with the student, parents, and relevant members of staff.
- Reintegration meetings with the Head of Year and SLT

7.2 Safeguarding

The school recognises that changes in behaviour may be an indicator that a student needs help or protection.

We will consider whether a student's misbehaviour may be linked to them suffering, or being likely to suffer, harm.

Where this may be the case, we will follow our safeguarding policy, and consider whether pastoral support, an early help intervention or a referral to children's services is appropriate.

Please refer to our safeguarding policy for more information:

Safeguarding Policy

8. Sanctions

8.1 Responding to misbehaviour

When a student's behaviour falls below the standard that can reasonably be expected of them, staff will respond in order to restore a calm and safe learning environment, and to prevent recurrence of misbehaviour. A pro-active approach to behaviour management is encouraged and staff understand that most issues can be dealt within the classroom through effective behaviour management strategies.

If this fails to yield the desired outcome, classroom teachers will seek the support of the Head of Department and refer students to specific subject support/intervention. Heads of Department may engage with Heads of Year if the problem escalates, and persistent issues may also be referred to the Senior Leadership Team.

Staff will endeavour to create a predictable environment by always challenging behaviour that falls short of the standards, and by responding in a consistent, fair, and proportionate manner, so students know with certainty that misbehaviour will always be addressed.

De-escalation techniques can be used to help prevent further behaviour issues arising, such as the use of pre-arranged scripts and phrases.

All students will be treated equitably under the policy, with any factors that contributed to the behavioural incident identified and considered.

When an incident occurs, then a sanction will be set by the relevant member of staff (Please see Appendix 2 for further guidance).

The school may use one or more of the following sanctions in response to unacceptable behaviour:

- o A verbal reprimand and reminder of the expectations of behaviour
- Setting of written tasks such as an account of their behaviour
- Expecting work to be completed at home, or at break or lunchtime.
- Detention at lunchtime, or after school.
- Loss of privileges for instance, the loss of a prized responsibility
- Referring the student to a senior member of staff
- Letter or phone call home to parents and carers

- Isolation
- Suspension
- o Permanent exclusions, in the most serious of circumstances

Personal circumstances of the student will be considered when choosing sanctions and decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis, but with regard to the impact on perceived fairness.

8.2 Detention

Each individual member of staff has the authority to set sanctions using their own discretion. Students can be issued with a Head of Department, Head of Year, SLT or Headteacher detention (see response grid). If issues become persistent, there will be an escalation in sanction. For example, where regular lunchtime detentions are accumulated, this will be escalated to an after-school detention with the Senior Leadership Team.

The school will inform parents and carers when an after-school or weekend detention is set. Weekend detentions are only held in exceptional circumstances and are run by members of the leadership team.

8.3 Lates detention

- Late arrival to school or lessons will be recorded on Sims. Regular reports are run to monitor attendance and letters sent to advise parents when there are concerns.
- o The detention system may also be used to sanction lateness, where deemed appropriate.
- If a student is continually late to school/lessons, they will be invited to attend the Headteachers detention on a Saturday.

8.4 Removal from classrooms

In response to serious or persistent breaches of this policy, the school may remove the student from the classroom for a limited time.

Students who have been removed will continue to receive education under the supervision of a member of staff that is meaningful, but it may differ from the mainstream curriculum.

Removal is a serious sanction and will only be used in response to serious misbehaviour. Staff will only remove students from the classroom once other behavioural strategies have been attempted unless the behaviour is so extreme as to warrant immediate removal.

Removal can be used to:

- o Restore order if the student is being unreasonably disruptive.
- Maintain the safety of all students.
- o Allow the disruptive student to continue their learning in a managed environment.
- o Allow the disruptive student to regain calm in a safe space.

Students who have been removed from the classroom are supervised by the Head of Department. In more serious incidents, the SLT has the right to place a student in isolation to reframe the behaviour and reinforce expectations.

Students will not be removed from classrooms for prolonged periods of time without the explicit agreement of the headteacher.

Students should be reintegrated into the classroom as soon as appropriate and safe to do so. The school will consider what support is needed to help a student successfully reintegrate into the classroom and meet the expected standards of behaviour.

Parents will be informed on the same day that their child is removed from the classroom, and this will also be recorded on ClassCharts.

8.5 Suspension and permanent exclusions

The school can use suspension and permanent exclusion in response to serious incidents or in response to persistent poor behaviour, which has not improved following in-school sanctions and interventions.

The decision to suspend or exclude will be made by the headteacher and only as a last resort.

Please refer to our exclusions policy on the school website for more information.

8.6 Reasonable force, confiscation, searches and screening

School staff have a power to use force and use of the power. The governments published guidance will be followed. Please refer to the separate <u>Reasonable force</u> advice.

Searching, screening and confiscation is conducted in line with the DfE's <u>latest guidance on searching</u>, screening and confiscation.

Confiscation

Any prohibited items found in a student's possession as a result of a search will be confiscated. These items will not be returned to the student. These include the following:

- Offensive weapons
- Discriminatory materials
- o Lighters, matches, cigarettes and e-cigarettes.
- Chewing gum
- o Energy drinks

We will also confiscate any item that is harmful or detrimental to school discipline. These items will be returned to students after discussion with senior leaders and parents, if appropriate.

Staff also have the right to confiscate mobile phones, headphones and jewellery in line with our uniform list outlined on the school website.

Searching a student

Searches will only be carried out when absolutely necessary and in accordance with the following government guidance:

Searching, screening and confiscation guidance

8.7 Off-site misbehaviour

Schools have the power to sanction pupils for misbehaviour outside of the school premises to such an extent as is reasonable. Conduct outside the school premises, including online conduct, that schools might sanction pupils for include misbehaviour:

- when taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity;
- o when travelling to or from school;
- when wearing school uniform;
- o when in some other way identifiable as a pupil at the school;
- that could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school;
- o that poses a threat to another pupil; or
- o that could adversely affect the reputation of the school.

Sanctions will only be given out on school premises or elsewhere when the student is under the lawful control of a staff member (e.g. on a school-organised trip).

8.8 Online misbehaviour

Many online behaviour incidents amongst young people occur outside the school day and off the school premises. Parents are responsible for this behaviour. However, often incidents that occur online will affect the school culture. However, we can issue behaviour sanctions to students for online misbehaviour when:

- It poses a threat or causes harm to another student
- o It could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school
- It adversely affects the reputation of the school
- The student is identifiable as a member of the school

Sanctions will only be given out on school premises or elsewhere when the student is under the lawful control of a staff member.

8.9 Zero-tolerance approach to sexual harassment and sexual violence

The school will ensure that all incidents of sexual harassment and/or violence are met with a suitable response, and never ignored.

Students are encouraged to report anything that makes them uncomfortable, no matter how 'small' they feel it might be.

The school's response will be:

- Proportionate
- Considered
- Supportive
- Decided on a case-by-case basis

The school has procedures in place to respond to any allegations or concerns regarding a child's safety or wellbeing. These include clear processes for:

- Responding to a report
- o Carrying out risk assessments, where appropriate, to help determine whether to:
 - Manage the incident internally
 - o Refer to early help
 - o Refer to children's social care
 - o Report to the police

Please refer to our child protection and safeguarding policy for more information

9. Recognising the impact of SEND on behaviour

The school recognises that Students' behaviour may be impacted by a special educational need or disability (SEND).

When incidents of misbehaviour arise, we will consider them in relation to a Student's SEND, although we recognise that not every incident of misbehaviour will be connected to their SEND. Decisions on whether a Student's SEND had an impact on an incident of misbehaviour will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Any preventative measures will take into account the specific circumstances and requirements of the student concerned. These may include:

 Short, planned movement breaks for a student with SEND who finds it difficult to sit still for long

- Adjusting seating plans to allow a student with a visual or hearing impairment to sit in sight of the teacher.
- Adjusting uniform requirements for a student with sensory issues or who has severe eczema.

9.1 Adapting sanctions for Students with SEND

When considering a behavioural sanction for a Student with SEND, the school will consider:

- o Whether the student was unable to understand the rule or instruction?
- o Whether the student was unable to act differently at the time as a result of their SEND?
- o Whether the student is likely to behave aggressively due to their particular SEND?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, it may be unlawful for the school to sanction the student for the behaviour.

The school will then assess if it is appropriate to use a sanction and if so, whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made to the sanction.

9.2 Students with an education, health and care (EHC) plan

The provisions set out in the EHC plan must be secured and the school will co-operate with the local authority and other bodies.

If the school has a concern about the behaviour of a student with an EHC plan, it will contact the local authority to discuss the issue. If appropriate, the school may request an emergency review of the EHC plan.

10. Bullying

Bullying is defined as behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally.

Bullying is, therefore:

- o Deliberately hurtful
- o Repeated, often over a period of time.
- Difficult to defend against

Details of our school's approach to preventing and addressing bullying are set out on the school website.

11. Monitoring arrangements

The school will collect data on the following:

- o Behavioural incidents, including removal from the classroom
- Attendance, permanent exclusion, and suspension
- Use of student support units, off-site directions, and managed moves
- o Incidents of searching, screening, and confiscation
- Anonymous surveys for staff, students, governors, trustees and other stakeholders on their perceptions and experiences of the school behaviour culture

The data will be analysed twice a year by the Senior Leadership Team.

The data will be analysed from a variety of perspectives including:

- o At school level
- By age group

- At the level of individual members of staff
- By time of day/week/term
- o By protected characteristic

The school will use the results of this analysis to make sure it is meeting its duties under the Equality Act 2010. If any trends or disparities between groups of students are identified by this analysis, the school will review its policies to tackle it.

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Appendix 1: Overview of the school rules

All of the following are summarised by the following golden rules:

- o Be respectful
- o Be responsible
- o Be honest

School uniform

All students are expected to adhere to the school uniform policy and arrive at school ready to learn. Please see the uniform policy on the school website for further information.

It is everyone's responsibility to monitor uniform closely and to uphold the high expectations of the school. Form Tutors will contact home via the school planner/email/phone call should students not adhere to the rules and escalate to detention when previous actions are no longer impactful.

Students in the Sixth Form must wear a lanyard at all times, to ensure they are easily identifiable.

Mobile phones

Students are not allowed to use their mobiles phones, or have headphones in sight, anywhere in the school. When on school premises mobile phones should be turned off and away. This includes headphones that should be stored in the student's bag or locker.

The exception to this rule is Year 12 and 13 who may use their devices in free classrooms and designated Sixth Form spaces. Devices must not be used in any other part of the school (e.g. corridors). Sixth Form students are reminded that they act as role models to the rest of the school.

Students and staff must be aware that:

- Students are not allowed to use cameras to film footage, capture photos or record audio of staff or fellow pupils without the express permission of a member of staff. Images of staff may not be shared under any circumstances.
- No student is allowed to upload to any external site any media footage taken in school (e.g. video, photos, audio, etc.) taken in school without express permission from the Headteacher
- If students need to contact their parents/carers, and vice versa, they should speak to Reception. No direct communication with parents/carers is permitted.
- When teaching staff set cover work for a class no task will include the use of a mobile phone
 / device. However, KS5 teachers may set work which requires using devices to access online
 resources.
- Students may only listen to music (at a quiet level) using headphones in the Sixth Form Study Centre. Still, students are strongly encouraged to avoid listening to audio when completing a task, as it reduces cognitive capacity. Students may not listen to music using headphones whilst completing a set task in class (e.g. revision).

Confiscation

If a student does not adhere to this policy, the following actions will happen:

The phone / device will be confiscated and the device will be handed in to Reception who
will log.

Please note the following stages apply within one school term.

Stage 1

First offence

• The student may then collect the device from Reception at the end of the school day.

Stage 2

Second offence

 The student will be asked to drop off their phone at reception at the start of the school day and collect at the end.

Stage 3

More than two confiscations:

• Parents will be asked to collect the device from Reception.

A lunchtime detention will be set by the Head of Year.

The school accepts no responsibility for mobile phones that are lost, damaged or stolen on school premises or transport, during school visits or trips, or while pupils are travelling to and from school.

Planners

- > All KS3 and KS4 students are issued with a planner
- > This is intended as a regular communication tool between home and school.
- > Students are expected to keep their planner with them during form time and lessons.
- > If students lose their planner, they will be expected to purchase a new one via ParentPay.
- > Planners must be signed by parents or carers on a weekly basis.

Bags, books and lockers

- > Every student will be provided with access to an individual locker.
- > It is the student's responsibility to provide a padlock for safe keeping of personal items.
- ➤ Bags should be stored in lockers at the start of the day and can only be taken to lessons during Periods 4 and 5, when a swift exit to public transport is often required.
- **>** Bags are not permitted to be carried around at break or into eating areas at lunchtime.

Food and drink

- > Students must use the designated eating areas provided.
- > Students must not save seats for others in the dining hall.
- > Students are not permitted to have chewing gum in school.
- > Students must not eat inside the other school buildings.
- > Students must make sure they use the bins provided and respect the school community by clearing up after themselves.

Appendix 2: Staff response grid

STAFF INVOLVED	EXAMPLES OF BEHAVIOUR (ILLUSTRATIVE NOT EXHAUSTIVE)	POSSIBLE/REQUIRED RESPONSE
Teacher praise and reward	Academic achievement noted in classwork Academic achievement relating to personal development Demonstrating compassion towards another student Demonstrating a courageous approach to learning/engaging with new material in lessons	Required action Dealt with through direct interaction with the student through effective classroom management or pro-active strategies to address out of class behaviours. Record on ClassCharts for the following:
Teacher/middle leader praise and reward	Repeated positive behaviour noted	Required Star of the week acknowledged on ClassCharts E-Postcard sent home – accessed via staff homepage and admin team to action Head of Year Award Celebration with nominations from department Certificates awarded for 25/50/100 house points and attendance recognition House totals celebrated through student bulletin Possible Over and above recognition noted on staff homepage and added to student bulletin
Middle leader and SLT praise and reward	Over and above recognition - continuous	Required 150+ certificates distributed and celebrated by the leadership team as part of award assemblies Specific accolades shared with staff and celebrated through community recognition Prize givings Positions of responsibility Achievement letter post data drop

		-Postcard sent home tudent accolades shared in Head of Year assembly tudent accolades shared in SLT assembly ccolades acknowledged through the 'Weald Weekly'
ward/praise for over and tion noted at previous level	Po Po A	00+ certificates signed and distributed by Mr Booth rize givings ositions of responsibility ccolades acknowledged through the 'Weald Weekly'. chievement letters sent home from Mr Booth.

STAFF INVOLVED	EXAMPLES OF BEHAVIOUR (ILLUSTRATIVE NOT EXHAUSTIVE)	POSSIBLE/REQUIRED RESPONSE
Teacher intervention	Stand-alone incident such as the following: Reminded to not talk at inappropriate times Impolite conduct Missing homework Not having appropriate equipment Lack of adherence to uniform policy Late to lesson	Required action Dealt with through direct interaction with the student through effective classroom management or pro-active strategies to address out of class behaviours. Record on ClassCharts for the following: Lack of equipment Lack of respect or kindness Low level disruption Missing homework Uniform issue Confiscation Possible action Non-verbal cue Verbal warning through use of 'chance and choice'. Make it clear that all students have a choice to rectify behaviours. If uniform infringement, they have already made a choice to not comply with policy, so please look at strategies below for consequence. Consequences may include: Written warning i.e. planner Meeting at break/lunchtime with class teachers/Form Tutor to remind of expectations and to repair positive behaviour expectations. Email home Phone call home

Middle leader intervention	Repeated offences (every three incidents) at low level or refusal to follow instructions as part of teacher intervention	 Completion of work and alternative submission date agreed If students reach the 'consequence' stage for in-class misbehaviour i.e. low-level disruption, a teacher may set a Head of department detention. Required For curriculum issues, consult Head of Department in first instance to consider action for inclass/department support. ClassCharts will alert Heads of Department after three incidents within a month to trigger intervention. ClassCharts alerts will be triggered for uniform issues to be followed up by the Form Tutor. Possible Heads of Department may wish to meet with the student individually, discuss appropriate support or to suggest strategies for improvement. A centralised lunchtime detention with the Head of Department may also be set. Form Tutors may also escalate uniform issues to lunchtime detention, where three warnings have been given and parents contacted prior to sanction. Form Tutor monitoring report may be used as a supportive measure
Middle leader and SLT intervention	Continuing offences at Level Two despite intervention Serious incident such as: Vandalism Abusive language/swearing at staff Truanting Plagiarism	Required Heads of Department must be aware in all cases of truancy and contact made by the AHoY with parents/carers. Truancy will result in an SLT after-school detention. Any issue which reaches this threshold will also trigger an alert to the Head of Year. Possible Friday after-school detention – can be set in collaboration with any middle leader. Middle leaders have access to this function on ClassCharts. HoY/SLT Monitoring report or PSP in collaboration with parents. Internal isolation Suspension
SLT/ Headteacher	Cumulative offences at Level Three. Causing serious injury or other violent behaviour. Sexual harassment or other harmful behaviours Threatening the wellbeing of a member of the school community Possessing prohibited items Racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic, xenophobic or any other discriminatory use	Possible Headteacher Saturday detention Internal isolation Suspension Directed off site Permanent expulsion

	of language. This includes unfounded accusations of racism that may cause defamation of character. Failure to attend more than one after school detention.	
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