



EMMANUEL COLLEGE
Emmanuel Schools Foundation

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Dear [RecipientTitle] [RecipientSurname]

It has been an expectation for many years at Emmanuel College that students do not bring chewing gum into school. Chewing gum is a prohibited item as outlined in our Student Code of Conduct. Not having chewing gum in College helps to protect the condition of the site including paths, carpets and equipment, which when damaged by chewing gum incurs a significant amount of money to clean. Over time this additional expense takes away resources meant for improving and maintaining the College site.

This academic year we have seen an increase in the amount of students bringing chewing gum into College and chewing whilst on site, which has led to an increase in damage to the building. Therefore, this week we are reminding students about the expectations in relation to chewing gum. We have reminded students that, if a student is found chewing in College the sanction for this is a fine of £15 which is added to Parent Pay. This fine is not intended to disadvantage parents but requires students to use their own funds over time to repay this amount. This demonstrates the consequences that chewing gum has on the College site.

Another way that we maintain the excellent conditions of internal and external corridors and paths is not allowing students to bring food or drink outside of the restaurants. All food and drink should be stored in bags and not blazer pockets. Drinks are not allowed to be taken onto the yard or consumed in the corridors, in doing so we prevent unnecessary damage to our building. If students are not following these expectations, they will be reminded gently, and their study file signed in the out of class behaviour section.

We are adding additional bins both inside and outside of College to support students to take responsibility for themselves, which is point 3 of our Student Code of Conduct.

Almost all students adhere to these expectations and contribute positively to our College community, but on occasions where students need to be reminded we value your support as parents and carers to reinforce the importance of these expectations.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Hooker
Vice Principal