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Dear Parents/Carers

I am very disappointed to find myself writing to you once again regarding the disruption caused by four students who have each deliberately set off our fire alarm system.

During the past week, this has occurred on four separate occasions; each time a different student has been sanctioned with a lengthy exclusion and their parents involved. Students know significant sanctions have been applied and yet still one or two seem to think this is acceptable behaviour. It is not.

These deliberate acts of vandalism have caused great frustration and anger which have been felt by myself and the rest of the school community. I have copied below information that was shared by some sixth form students with the rest of the school last week, making clear that there is no 'joke' or 'sport' to be had in causing such interruptions.

I have not involved the Police up until this point. However, I am writing to inform you that should there be any repeat of such behaviour, I will be reporting the matter to the Police; the Police have confirmed that causing damage to the fire alarm panel would be construed as criminal damage if it has been caused without lawful authority or reasonable excuse.

I would be grateful if you would reinforce to your child the seriousness of this situation and ensure they know that they must not under any circumstances cause or incite any criminal damage.

Yours sincerely

Claire Whitmore
Headteacher

Information from post-16 students, shared with the school on 28 January:

We are furious that some people think it is funny to set off a fire alarm and interrupt the day for more than 1400 people.

Due to your appalling behaviour the rest of the school had to stand outside and miss vital lessons which aid them with their grades. Your rude and inconsiderate behaviour was not appreciated and angered a lot of people. Not only did members of this school suffer outside in the cold but external visitors were also on the premises for the sole purpose to help students.

We choose to study at Campion because our teachers are excellent and the students are excellent – if you do not meet this description, we suggest you move to another school.

