

Dear Parent and Carers, 26th September 2025

There has been lots happening in the academy this week. Our **Year 11 students** had an Assembly this week delivered from Access Sports, we also celebrated the most recent attitude to learning results. Additionally, our Year 11's continue to impress us with their continued commitment to period 6. The first set of mock exams begin on 20th October, and we are delighted to see students already preparing for these.

It was so lovely to see so many **Year 10's** attend the Raising Achievement evening last week as they begin their Key Stage 4 journey. A part of that journey is work experience. Please note that work experience placements need to be actively sourced to ensure all student can access this opportunity.

Last night we celebrated the hard work some of our students who completed the Bronze Award in the Duke of Edinburgh Expedition **whilst in Year 9** and also got to meet the parents and carers of our new bunch of students interested in embarking on this fabulous experience.

Students across all year groups have been participating in local sports matches and competitions. I have had lovely reports of great sportsmanship with students celebrating their wins but holding their heads high even when the results did not go our way.

On 12th September we sent all Year 7 parents and invitation to attend our **Year 7 Settling In Evening** taking place on **23rd October**. Please remember to make your appointments via the Parentmail app.

Our Open Evening for prospective students takes place on Thursday 2nd October. It is a great opportunity to showcase the academy and the improvements we have made so please share the date with anyone you think will be interested.

The Form Time Focus next week is "Respectful"

We will be teaching the following PSHE topics next week. If you do not wish for your child to participate or have a question relating to the subjects, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Year 11 – What is the morality around abortion?

Year 10 – How can I develop my resilience?

Year 9 – What is body image?

Year 8 – Who is involved in the legal process?

Year 7 - What is Self-Esteem?

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on "Are performance enhancing drugs the future of sport? If you would like to continue this discussion with your child, please click <u>here</u> for further resources.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Yours faithfully

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Principal



