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30th April 2024



Dear Parent/Carer

This letter outlines some key information. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of House or the Sixth Form office by emailing postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk (including your child's full name and their form group in the subject of the email) or calling the school on 01902 558 222 (if there are any issues with this number then please use 0121 366 7751).

Social Media/School Website Permissions

As you will have seen from our most recent newsletters and social media posts, Wednesfield Academy is keen to celebrate all of the amazing achievements of our pupils as often as possible including using photographs of pupils. If you do not wish for the school to use images of your child for this purpose, please complete the link below by Friday 10th May 2024. **The survey only needs to be completed** if you do not wish us to use your child's photograph. <u>https://forms.office.com/e/pubWRQzYHj</u>

After this deadline has lapsed, we will assume that you are happy for photographs of your child to be used in newsletters and social media posts.

Alison Cope Assemblies

On Monday 10th June 2024, all pupils in Years 7 to 10 will receive a talk from Alison Cope, who is a powerful speaker and activist around youth knife crime. Her profound message has huge impact on pupils within our trust and we look forward to welcoming her into our school.

Awards Evening Information

We are very excited to announce that our new annual Celebration Evening will take place on Wednesday 10th July 2024 between 6.00pm - 8.00pm and will this year will be held off site at GTG West Midlands. Directors of Learning and Heads of House are busy gathering nominations for the subject and house winners and those pupils who are chosen as award winners will be contacted soon after May half term. We look forward to seeing the award winners and their families there.

Pupil Rewards

We are developing our rewards policy to ensure that we are recognising the pupils who are consistently making good choices. We also realise that there needs to be an opportunity for pupils to make a fresh start throughout the year, therefore some rewards are based on termly performance.

Weekly rewards

• **Postcards and free dessert**: Pupils earning the highest house points within each house receive a postcard entitling them to a free dessert from the canteen. Pupils can also achieve postcards from class teachers for positive performance in lessons throughout the week.

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Half termly rewards

- **Group event:** Pupils earning the highest number of house points are invited to a group event i.e. Pizza Party.
- No negatives: Pupils who have received no behaviour points for the half term receive a golden ticket to be entered into a prize draw at the end of the school year (there is the opportunity to earn six of these tickets throughout the year).
- **DOL nominations**: Our Directors of Learning (DoLs), along with their teams, nominate pupils for outstanding contributions and efforts. These pupils receive a letter home.
- Value rewards: Pupils will be nominated for demonstrating the Wednesfield Values; <u>Respect</u>, <u>Resilience</u> and <u>Pride</u>. Certificates will be awarded to these pupils by the leadership team.
- **Self-regulation rewards**: Pupils will be nominated for demonstrating self-regulation. Certificates will be awarded to these pupils by the leadership team.
- Attendance: Pupils will be recognised in assembly for upholding outstanding levels of attendance and for improving attendance.

Termly rewards

• **Trips**: There is the opportunity for pupils to earn a place on a free trip at three points in the year. This is calculated by deducting behaviour points from house points and identifying individual pupils. We recently took trips to Hollywood Bowl, Ninja Warrior and Drayton Manor.

Annual rewards

- **Golden ticket draw**: At the end of the academic year, all the pupils who have collected golden tickets throughout the year are entered into a prize pupils receive one entry for each golden ticket they have collected. These pupils can win a significant prize i.e. Nintendo switch.
- Annual attendance award as well for pupils with 98%+ attendance to win a significant prize i.e. iPad/ VR headset.
- **Headteacher's awards**: The headteacher nominates pupils to receive vouchers for their contribution to school throughout the school year.

We will also be introducing the opportunity for pupils to earn chevrons to wear on their lapels as they reach a particular number of house points. This will be a tangible and visual celebration of the achievements of individual pupils.

Yours faithfully

Mr Phillips Headteacher

Remember to follow us on social media. Facebook: <u>https://bit.ly/3pV9Fhm</u> Twitter: <u>https://bit.ly/43tYvOJ</u> Instagram: <u>https://bit.ly/30mrbEP</u>

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