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Dear Parent/Carer

The following letter provides an update with key matters at Wednesfield Academy this term.

Independent Attitudes

As a school, we are placing a strong focus on developing independent attitudes in our pupils. This means helping them to take increasing responsibility for their own actions, progress and conduct. We want pupils to understand that their education and behaviour are ultimately their own responsibility, and that the skills they build now will prepare them for life beyond school. To support this, pupils are being encouraged to use ClassCharts when at home to track their own attendance, behaviour, progress and detentions. This might include regularly checking their behaviour or attendance records, monitoring their academic progress, and reflecting on how their choices affect their outcomes. Developing these habits helps pupils become more self-aware, organised and motivated learners.

We are asking for parents' support with this approach, as well as thank you for your support so far this year. It is important that pupils understand that any sanctions or consequences are a direct result of their own actions. Staff will always be fair and consistent in applying the school's expectations, and we ask that parents reinforce this message at home by encouraging pupils to take responsibility and learn from their experiences. Usage of ClassCharts has significantly improved this academic year. Please let us know if you or your child has an issue with accessing ClassCharts.

Home Learning Update

Homework plays a vital role in reinforcing classroom learning, building independence, and developing time management skills. Each week, pupils will receive assignments tailored to their year group and curriculum goals. These may include reading tasks, written exercises, research projects, or revision activities.

Following discussions with stakeholders and in recent parent forums we have outlined the following principles to our new home learning policy:

- Staff will set all home learning tasks on ClassCharts
- Teachers will also record all submissions on ClassCharts
- All subjects will set home learning tasks once a week and have clear/reasonable deadlines
- Ensure tasks are focused on knowledge, retention and are related to the subject curriculum package
- The school will run a fully staffed Home Learning Club (Monday to Thursday) to support pupils with extra help or use of ICT facilities.



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Weekly Homework Schedule

Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)	CORE (English/Maths/Science) – 30 minutes All other subjects – 20 minutes
Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)	CORE (English/Maths/Science) – 60 minutes All other subjects – 40 minutes
Key Stage 5 (Years 12-13)	Five hours per subject

How You Can Help

- Create a quiet, distraction-free space for study
- Encourage a consistent routine and positive attitude toward homework
- Review completed work and offer praise and guidance
- Communicate with the academy if your child is struggling or overwhelmed

Home Learning Sanctions

This year we are committed to driving the independence of the pupils forward which means we will initially remove any sanctions on home learning tasks, we are delighted to share that this strategy has worked for many of the pupils.

From the week commencing 17th November 2025 we are making the following amendments to our home learning strategy:

- Any pupil (in Years 7-10) who does not complete a home learning task for the deadline specified by the teacher will receive a negative point on their ClassCharts to recognise the failure to meet a given deadline
- Any pupil (in Years 7-10) who has a less than 75% home learning completion rate will receive weekly check-ins either from their form tutor or a member of leadership.
- These pupils will be guided to Home Learning Club on the following evenings
 - Monday – Year 7 and Year 10
 - Tuesday – Year 8
 - Wednesday – Year 9
- If a pupil who has been guided to Home Learning Club does not attend and their home learning completion rate does not improve, they will receive a 60-minute sanction, these checks will take place every two weeks.
- Any Year 11 pupil who does not complete a home learning task for the deadline specified by the teacher will receive a sanction; this sanction will be the canteen with all other detentions.
- The Home Learning Club will move from room 110 from 218 and will be staffed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (3.00 – 4.00pm).

GCSE Pod

We are delighted to reveal all pupils (Year 7-13) will have access to GCSE Pod from 1st December 2025.

In our year of promoting independence Wednesfield Academy is launching GCSEPod, the award-winning revision website used by schools across the country. Pupils in all year groups will be able to access GCSEPod's excellent resources for home learning as well as independent revision. GCSEPod has:



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- 30+ subjects covering all examination boards.
- Pod videos delivering key information in three to five minutes.
- Check and Challenge self-marking quizzes.
- Personalised playlists to make revision more effective and manageable.
- Studies have shown regular users achieve on average 1.5 grades higher than non-users.

Rewards

Pupils are now working towards the next round of exciting rewards, which include fantastic trips and experiences such as visits to the Black Country Museum and Ninja Warrior, as well as a special film experience at school. These rewards will be given to pupils who demonstrate excellent behaviour and strong attendance, so keep aiming high and setting a great example every day. Pupils can also earn a subject postcard for showing exceptional effort, achievement, or improvement in a particular subject. Each week, the pupil with the most positive points in their form will receive a "Jump the Queue" pass, and everyone is still working towards golden tickets, which will be entered into the big prize draw at the end of the year.

Praise Bulletin

We are keen to recognise as many pupils as possible who are committed to activities outside of school and celebrating the success of those pupils. Please use this link to share information of your child's achievement outside of school

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPageV2.aspx?subpage=design&FormId=hVh-eMTdUOWnv6udzkyo6uM595wElpZHHU7E17VndPIUN1VEVzNGM1dZMIVLTUFMTjBDRkJPN1RUSy4u&Token=70ad62fcc1a94b21ab4813d5232a14f5>

Calendar

Please find our calendar on the school website (<https://wednesfieldacademy.com/calendar/>) and see the below image.



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If you have any queries on the above information, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of House or the Sixth Form office via postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk or by calling the school on 01902-558222.

Yours faithfully

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