

### BEHAVIOUR & ATTITUDES NEWSLETTER



Issue 2—December 2023

#### **Attendance**

Attendance is a key priority within the Academy because if students are not in, they cannot learn. Therefore we are having a major focus on all year groups to ensure that attendance improves. We have put several incentives in place to ensure that those that attend school regularly are praised and it was fantastic to give out over 380 Advent calendars on 1st December to students that had maintained excellent attendance. There are three more attendance incentives that are running in the Academy at the moment that include a luxury selection box at the end of term, a £10 Amazon voucher and the chance for students in each year group to win a £100, £50 or £25 supermarket voucher before the end of term. These incentives require full attendance and we want as many as possible to be eligible for the prizes, so please encourage the best possible attendance for your child.

There is still lots of work to do with attendance and we are meeting regularly with those that we are most concerned about. If you need any support with your child and attendance, please let us know and we will be happy to support.

**Simon Miller** 

Deputy Principal—Behaviour and Attitudes

#### **Behaviour**

Behaviour is improving within the Academy at a rapid rate and we were pleased that the recent Ofsted monitoring inspection confirmed these improvements. There are now less calls to support with poor behaviour in lessons than this time last year, there is a significant reduction in the amount of swearing in the Academy, the amount of has decreased truancy significantly and the students have said that they feel safer in corridors and in the break and lunch queue. We are very proud of how the students have risen to the challenge we set them to improve behaviour and it has made for a safer, calmer and more productive Academy.

#### **Lower School Attendance**

Across lower school, we have been working hard to improve our overall attendance figure and also to decrease the percentage of students that are persistently absent. We have drastically improved the overall attendance of each year group this half term while moving all of our persistently absent percentages below 30% which is lower than the average of other schools nationally. We have done this successfully by having regular attendance meetings with students where we are setting achievable targets for them, resulting in rewards that have been enjoyed by many!

After the Christmas break we will be continuing with a big attendance focus while we aim to get all year groups at or above 90% overall.

#### **Uniform Supplier**

Our uniform is supplied by Prestige and below is a reminder of their contact details.

Website: <a href="http://www.prestigedesignww.co.uk/live/">http://www.prestigedesignww.co.uk/live/</a>

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#### Year 10

With the first term nearly drawing to a close and such a positive start to this academic year for so many of the Year 10s, it is really pleasing to reflect back and see the amazing start that our Year 10s have made to their GCSE courses and to school in general over the last 13 weeks.

Having only joined the Academy this September, I am very impressed at how I have been welcomed to the year group by the students and staff team alike and am really looking forward to working with everyone going forward. In lots of ways this first term has flown past and it is scary to think how fast the next two will go before students will be into Year 11 and looking at their next life choices.

So, a massive well done from me to everyone for their efforts, but do not forget, it is often the small things that count, so get the basics right, get the punctuality sorted, make sure the uniform is perfect, get the most out of every lesson and reap the rewards of success. Have an amazing Christmas break and I wish everyone the best of luck in 2024 and beyond.

**Andy Reavell** 

Assistant Principal—Behaviour and Attitudes

#### **Lower School's Behaviour Success**

So far this term, behaviour across lower school has seen some huge improvements. For example we have lower rates of suspensions and isolations compared to last year, and also when you compare now with the beginning of term.

#### We have decreases/eradication of:

- Truancy
- Poor language
- Low level disruption
- Uniform issues

### Key areas of focus for next half term:

- Punctuality to school
- Starting lessons right: 'flying starts'

#### **Rewards**

We have loved rewarding students across lower school this term for their attendance, efforts in lessons and contributions to the Academy. Some of our stars of this term are:

#### Year 7 - Have made a fabulous start at All Saints

AP - Has made an excellent start at the Academy and has involved herself in all areas of Academy life.

CM - Always so polite and respectful and a wonderful student to have in the year group.

#### Year 8 - Have settled in very well this year and are enjoyable to be around

KM - For being wonderful and so resilient.

FG –Supportive to peers and always well mannered.

### Year 9 - Are meeting our expectations and are a kind and courteous year group

AM -This student is an absolute credit, her presentation of work is phenomenal. She has made tremendous progress and challenges herself in all lessons.

AT – A true gentleman, works hard and challenges himself in lessons.

Merry Christmas from the lower school team!





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#### Academic Calendar - 2023/2024 School Holiday Bank Holiday Pupil Day Training Day September 2023 October 2023 November 2023 December 2023 9 16 23 30 11 18 25 Mon 6 13 20 27 Mon Mon Mon 4 11 18 25 26 7 14 21 28 Tue 5 12 19 Tue 3 10 17 24 31 Tue Tue 5 12 19 26 27 Wed 6 13 20 Wed 4 11 18 25 Wed 8 15 22 29 Wed 6 13 20 27 Thu 7 14 21 28 Thu 5 12 19 26 Thu 2 9 16 23 30 Thu 7 14 21 28 Fri 8 15 22 29 Fri 6 13 20 27 Fri 3 10 17 24 Fri 8 15 22 29 Sat 2 30 7 Sat 11 18 25 2 9 16 23 Sat 14 21 28 4 Sat 9 16 23 30 Sun 3 10 17 24 Sun 15 22 29 Sun 5 12 19 26 Sun 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 January 2024 March 2024 April 2024 February 2024 5 12 19 26 29 Mon 8 15 22 Mon Mon 4 11 18 25 Mon 1 8 15 22 29 6 13 20 5 12 19 26 30 27 Tue 2 Tue 2 9 16 23 Tue Tue 9 16 23 30 Wed 7 14 21 28 31 6 Wed 3 10 17 24 Wed 13 20 27 Wed 3 10 17 24 8 15 22 Thu 4 11 25 Thu 29 Thu 7 14 21 28 Thu 4 11 18 25 18 2 9 16 23 1 Fri 5 12 19 Fri Fri 8 15 22 29 Fri 5 12 19 26 26 20 27 3 10 17 24 2 9 16 23 30 20 27 Sat 6 13 Sat Sat Sat 6 13 4 11 18 25 Sun 7 14 21 28 Sun Sun 3 10 17 24 31 Sun 7 14 21 28 June 2024 August 2024 May 2024 July 2024 26 27 10 17 24 1 8 15 22 29 5 12 19 Mon 13 20 Mon 3 Mon Mon 6 13 20 27 28 9 16 23 30 Tue 14 21 Tue 4 11 18 25 Tue 2 Tue 7 14 21 28 8 15 22 29 Wed 5 12 19 26 Wed 3 10 17 24 Wed Wed 29 15 22 8 9 16 23 30 Thu 6 13 20 27 4 11 18 25 Thu Thu 2 Thu 31 2 9 16 23 30 10 17 7 5 12 19 26 Fri 3 24 Fri 14 21 28 Fri Fri 10 17 Sat 11 18 25 Sat 8 15 22 29 Sat 6 13 20 27 Sat 3 24 31 5 12 19 26 9 16 23 30 4 11 18 25 Sun Sun 7 14 21 28 Sun

