



YEAR 9

NEWSLETTER | JULY 2023



WELCOME

Welcome to our end of term and therefore end of Year 9 newsletter! Students are now ready to enter Year 10, therefore starting Key Stage 4 and their GCSEs. This involves taking subjects that students have picked as part of their options process, including some they may not have studied before such as Health and Social Care, Business and Engineering. I cannot wait to see students continuing their studies with us into their GCSEs but remember; the real hard work starts now!

This half-term in their personal development sessions across Life Skills lessons, Character Education in Tutor Time and Assemblies, students have been learning about a variety of key topics such as the danger of child criminal exploitation, being cautious around social pressures of cosmetic surgeries and the importance of creativity.

Students have worked in VotesforSchools during Tutor Time on important and relevant topics such as access to clean water, exam pressures and being safe in the sun.

I'd like to take this opportunity at the end of the academic year to thank all parents and carers for continuing to support the Academy and all of the students throughout this year. I am looking forward to continuing to work with you all next year as students start their GCSE journey.

Mr Anderson

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is a huge focus for the school and year group. If students are not in lessons, they cannot make progress towards academic success. Attendance is also a factor on

attending oversubscribed trips and of course our rewards event at the end of each half term! Please ensure students are making every effort to continue attending school and achieving the best attendance they possibly can.

Overall 2022/2023 so far	89.5%
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RESILIENCE

Learn from failures, work through problems and never give up. Be better today than you were yesterday.

ASPIRATION

Aim high and set yourself challenging goals both academically and personally. What does the future hold for you?

COMMUNITY

Accept support and offer it. Give something back to the Academy and the community.

RESPONSIBILITY

Be responsible for your actions, celebrate successes and learn from your failures. Do not make excuses.

CONFIDENCE

Don't be afraid to get things wrong. Believe in yourself and your abilities and step outside your comfort zone.

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ACHIEVEMENT & BEHAVIOUR

Overall 2022/2023 so far

Positives: 16,027

Negatives: 8,719

Students are awarded achievement points for going above and beyond in lessons, as well as receiving positive conduct card comments for contributing to the school ethos around site. Staff and teachers will always recognise the efforts students are showing, regardless of the challenge at hand. Each lesson there are at least 5 reward points up for grabs. Achievement points are based around the five Key Drivers of the Academy, which are resilience, aspiration, community, confidence and responsibility.

It is fantastic to see that the positive achievement

points far outweigh the negative behaviour points, and that students are being continually recognised for going above and beyond in lessons and getting it right so often.

See the leader board of students with the highest number of achievement points in Year 9 so far this year. Well done to all involved.

Name	Achievement Points	Name	Achievement Points
Dawson M	323	Lilly-May H	183
Keira H	305	Austin T	182
Zach W	283	Cody B	175
Harrison F	281	Tom W	165
Ty-Rhys C	199	Darcey E	165
Sam C	195		
Liam B	187		

REWARDS

Students continue to receive the opportunity to qualify for our half-termly rewards across school. The rewards take place in the last week of the half-term and are a fantastic opportunity for students to enjoy the benefits of their hard-work over the previous weeks. Since our last newsletter students went on a fantastic trip to Meadowhall and this half-term they can qualify for the trip to Alton Towers early next year.

In order to qualify for a golden ticket, students must have over 95% attendance, 95% net positive points and have earned a 4 for lil for homework every week. When it comes to homework, this means students must either complete all 6 pieces that week or catch up at homework club.