

Inter-House Events

Thursday lunchtimes: House Captains will be running Inter-House events throughout the term.

Health and Wellbeing Zone

A new health and wellbeing zone is being created in the area adjacent to the open area upstairs in the high school. This will be a quiet area which pupils can use at lunchtimes throughout the week where they can sit and read a selection of books from the library, information leaflets from the different agencies who visit us and also take part in quiet craft type activities. It is intended as a "chill out" area which pupils can use to read and find information on different areas of mental, emotional, social and physical health or to take some time out from the daily hustle and bustle so numbers will be limited and the quiet rule enforced. It won't be another group social area. There will be a staff member in the open area each lunchtime who will be on hand to supervise at the same time they are running supervised study. This is in addition to the Library and Sensory room which are our other quiet spaces. Once it is fully up and running we will let pupils and parents know.

Positive Behaviour Reward System

As you may know we have had a new reward system running since August in the school. Each term pupils are allocated points based on their attendance, work and effort made in class and the green cards they receive and these points have been accumulating and heading towards a final target. Pupils get 10 points for each green card they receive. Pupils in S1-3 receive 15 points for each commendation they receive from the 3 faculties of Health and Wellbeing (PE, Art, Music, Food and Health), STEM (Science, CDT, Business, Maths) and Humanities (English, Languages, Social Subjects). To achieve a commendation from a faculty they must be working hard in all the subjects in that faculty, showing a good attitude to their work, completing classwork and homework and be coming to classes prepared with all they need. Seniors pupils receive 10 points per subject that they are meeting the above criteria in. Pupils attendance is checked each term and 30 points for attendance of 90-94%, 40 points for 95 – 99% attendance and 50 points for 100% attendance. Attendance is taken on a term by term basis and is not cumulative so pupils have a fresh start each term and long term illness/sickness etc is taken into account. After pupil feedback we will also be including Praise Cards in the points system from this term. Praise cards are worth 1 point each.

Junior pupils are aiming to achieve 175 points by Easter and Senior pupils are aiming for 200 points. Pupils discussed in classes and at pupil council what they wanted their reward to be for this first year and they decided on a theme park trip. This has been booked for Thursday 23 April – Saturday 25 April to Alton Towers with ticket numbers being confirmed by Easter. We will leave on the Thursday evening from school and travel down by coach overnight, spend Friday at the park then travel back afterwards arriving home in the early hours of Saturday morning. Pupils will be told before the Easter Holidays if they have achieved enough points to be able to attend the trip and will be given a consent form to take home if they have. This trip will be funded by the school and pupils will just need money for their food and anything else they wish to buy whilst away. Whilst the trip is not compulsory it would be great if all those who have achieved the target attended as they will have earned it through their hard work across the 3 terms. Alton Towers has lots of different attractions which can be found at www.altontowers.com.

Pupils who have achieved 2/3 of the target so far and are on track to get on the reward trip if they continue their good work are Harvey, Keira, Olivia, Rebecca, Amy, Demi, James, Szymon, Morgan, Michelle, Rachael and Roan so well done so far all of you! There are

around 10/12 other pupils who are nearly on track and if they improve their attendance, subject/faculty commendations and the number of green cards they receive this term could also achieve enough points to attend the trip. Pupils can ask Mrs Paterson how many points they have at any time and a termly list is posted in the canteen area of who is on target each term and who is nearly there. We are really excited about the trip and look forward to being able to take away as many of the pupils as possible to Alton Towers in April so we'd be grateful if you could help us by encouraging your child/ren to keep their attendance as high as possible, to work as hard as can in class, to complete all homework assigned and to encourage them to get involved in the general life of the school.