



# WOODBIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

*Pride In Achievement*

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach half term, I am writing with some reminders and information. The first half term of this academic year has been an excellent one for the school. We have celebrated our excellent exam results from this summer, set higher expectations for our students and seen them represent the school with such loyalty at our Open Evening and at many other events. I am very proud of our school and Woodbridge students.

## Rewards and Achievement

Each week over this half term I have met with those students who have received the most achievement points the previous week. We have sat together, had biscuits, juice and hot chocolate and discussed what about the school they are proud of and what they would like to improve. It has been a pleasure to celebrate with them the ways in which they have gone above and beyond the Code of Conduct.

I have had lots of feedback from parents and students about the daily emails received about achievement points. It has enabled parents to have positive conversations with their children about their day. We have also redesigned the 'Praise Cards' that come home in the post to you, and asked teachers to make more telephone calls home to let you know when your son / daughter has gone above and beyond.

When students reach 60, 120 and 180 achievement points they reach the threshold for our Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. These students will receive a package of rewards as set out in the table below, including a voucher for something that they can do together with their family. I will also see these students individually and write to you when I have done so.

Award	Number of Points	Voucher	Certificate	'Skip the Queue' Passes
BRONZE	60	£5	✓	5
SILVER	120	£10	✓	5
GOLD	180	£20	✓	5

## Banned Items

The number of banned items seen in school and therefore confiscated has significantly reduced since the start of term. This is excellent, as it means that headphones and phones are not causing a distraction to learning. Please reinforce the rules with your son or daughter. The rules also apply to the 6th Form, who may use their devices in the 6th Form area only. If seen outside of these areas, they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day for the student concerned.



## **Lesson Disruption**

I know that the major concern of all parents and virtually all students is that learning in lessons takes place uninterrupted by poor behaviour. That is why I have been particularly clear on the process to be followed by teachers when lessons are disrupted by students, and the sanctions that will follow for these students. Lesson disruption cannot be tolerated in any form because of the effect that it has on the life chances of all young people in our school. I have reiterated this to all students in assembly this week, and told them that I have asked all teachers this week to let me know which students are continuing to cause disruption despite out systems. Please support this by underlining our expectations with your son or daughter, and supporting any sanction should it need to be issued.

I have included with this letter a summary of the school's Code of Conduct, consequences for not following this and our system of sanctions. Please keep this to hand and refer to it as appropriate.

## **Year 7 Parents' Evening**

All parents of year 7 are invited to meet with their child's form tutor on Thursday 18 October. You will have received more details about this separately. The evening is a chance for parents to ask questions, celebrate successes and share any concerns, and receive feedback on how the first half term has been. Please do make an appointment and attend if you can.

## **Key Stage 3 Parent Support Evening**

After half term we will be holding our first parent support evening of the year for parents of students in Key Stage 3 (years 7, 8 and 9). This will take place on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00 – 7.30 pm, and will focus on how parents can support their children in areas such as the use of social media, home learning and revision. We will have particular sessions aimed at parents of year 7 students. Parents will receive a letter with more details of the sessions and the venue after half term. Please do attend if you are able to.

## **Care4Calais Charity Work**

A group of staff will be heading to Calais to volunteer for the Care 4 Calais charity. In preparation for this, there will be a programme of events taking place between the 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of November. Students, staff and parents are invited to take part in order to raise money and make donations for refugees that will face the bitter conditions of winter in Calais. Please do not hesitate to contact Miss Pinnell, Mr Shaw or Ms Morgan for more details or to see how you can get involved. More on this to come!

## **Year 11 Mock Exams and 6th Form Open Evening**

The year 11 mock exams will start on Monday 5 November. Please underline the importance of these with your son / daughter. Mock exams give students a chance to experience the full range of GCSE papers that they will sit in May / June. Students will need to ensure that they revise appropriately and should begin this during the half term holiday.

I would also like to mention our 6th Form Open Evening that will take place on Thursday 22 November. This will be an opportunity for you to hear about our 6th Form and discuss subject choices with teachers. We will give you some more details nearer the time, but please do put the date in your diary.

## **And Finally**

Thank you for your continued support of the school. We are only as strong as we are united. In our efforts to give young people the very best chances in their lives, we must ensure that as parents and teachers we give them consistent messages. I am grateful to all our parents who continue to underline the importance of high expectations, kindness, respect, tolerance and aiming for excellence, in line with our values.

Yours sincerely,



Steven Hogan  
Headteacher







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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Hogan', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Steven Hogan  
Headteacher