

Our ref: MMC/GHR

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Dear Parent/Carer

Students have been showing a huge amount of dedication to their studies, and we could not be happier with their efforts and hard work. This was especially clear to see at our Year 11 Skills to Success Evening, where we welcomed so many students and their families, all dedicated to securing the best possible results. We have also seen an excellent response to the Year 7 Investment in Learning Evening which is taking place next Tuesday, and we have enjoyed some fantastic results for our football teams. These young people are capable of so much and we will do everything within our power to help them achieve their dreams.

### **Teaching and Learning**

#### Year 11 Skills to Success Evening

This week, we were thrilled to welcome over 91% of Year 11 students, along with their parents and carers, into the academy for our annual Year 11 Revision Guide Evening. Mr Woodhouse and Ms Shaw shared 'the year ahead' with students, parents, and carers, including the Achieve sessions and broader support that we are offering to ensure every student is successful. This presentation was followed by research-informed revision workshops with form tutors about how to use the bespoke revision materials students were provided with, which are worth over £100. Afterwards, it was pleasing to see so many parents and carers staying to enjoy refreshments and to interact with the Post 16, SEND, Kooth, and Careers stalls to ask questions and have productive discussions about how we can continue to work together to support students.

Next half term, we will be hosting our Year 10 Study Skills Evening for students, parents, and carers on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 4.30pm-6.30pm, to share details about how students are being supported in their GCSE and BTEC studies, especially as many subjects have upcoming assessments that contribute to students' final grades.

#### Year 7 Investment in Learning Evening

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October we have our Year 7 Investment in Learning Evening. Parents have been contacted by their form tutors to have their face-to-face appointments to discuss the current investment of their child during this first half term. This meeting is a great chance for parents to ask any questions they may have and get a real insight into the hard work that their child has put in since starting in September. After their appointment with their tutor, they will be invited to attend the Enrichment Fayre in which all 22 Enrichment clubs will have a stall detailing their amazing club offer, students will be given an Enrichment timetable to build and sign up to all their after-school clubs. The launch of all Enrichment clubs will be HT2.

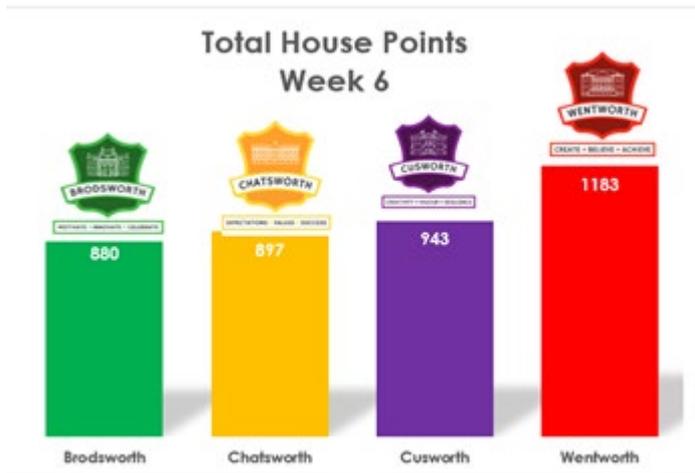
### **Sports News**

#### Year 7 Boys' Football

Congratulations to our Year 7 Boys' Football team who came away victorious from the inaugural Maltby Learning Trust Games on Thursday this week. The boys played tremendously well, working as a team, and collaborating to win their games. One of the games was an 8-0 victory to the STWA boys!



## House Update



Wentworth are still holding onto their lead with a magnificent 1183 points! In a turn of events, it is now Cusworth who are racing up the back stretch with 943 points. Next week, we will have our first winning house of the half-term and we will be holding our Half Term Heroes assembly, where students in each year group with the most house points will be rewarded for their tremendous efforts.

## Events and Enrichment

### Year 7 Birds of Prey Experience

On Tuesday this week, our Year 7 students took part in a Falconry experience to help broaden their contextual knowledge for their study of *A Kestrel for a Knave*. All the students enjoyed learning about the owls and the hawk that were brought to the academy, and it certainly proved to be a valuable experience in terms of enhancing their understanding of the characters and themes in the book.

### World Mental Health Day

This week, we celebrated World Mental Health Day by launching this year's 6<sup>th</sup> form mentors. Our Post-16 students provide support and guidance for students in KS3, under the direction of our Inclusion Managers, Miss Severns and Miss Shaw. Miss Severns has provided the Post-16 mentors with training and support, and we hope this will help to support our younger students.

## Careers News

This half term, Tutor sessions in Year 11 have focussed on understanding choices and pathways post 16. Students have indicated their possible choices for September 2024 and careers interviews have been held either in groups or one to one with Vanessa Hailes, our Careers Adviser. Layla Young, the Academies Business Adviser from Genuit Group, delivered aspirational assemblies to Year 7-11 to encourage the thinking process around the skills an employer is looking for and the road to success.

Mrs Brooke is the careers leader for STWA, and she can be contacted on [careers@stwacademy.com](mailto:careers@stwacademy.com)

## Post 16 News

This week, students were delivered an exciting opportunity from Social Mobility Foundation to enrol on their Aspiring Professionals Programme. The Aspiring Professionals Programme (APP) helps propel ambitious young people over unfair barriers to success. The programme gives students the skills, guidance, confidence, and networks to access and thrive in higher education and top careers. The Building My Future framework, that APP use, empowers students to build their personal networks, reach their career goals, develop their self-awareness, and grow their communication skills.



## **Standards**

Please be aware that electric scooters are not permitted on school site. We have had reports of students riding these to school and on the school grounds. We would like to remind parents and carers that the riding of electric scooters is not permitted by law on any public property, and we therefore cannot allow this on school grounds. We will also not be able to store these for students within school.

Yours faithfully

Mr. M McDonald  
**Principal**

