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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a delight to welcome our students back to school after the summer break and to meet all of our new Year 7s.

So far, this week, we have had the pleasure of leading assemblies for each year group, where we wanted to promote positive messages focusing on how we will celebrate and reward students' successes throughout the academic year. We have also spent time focussing on the importance of being Ready to Learn, our Hurworth 4R Core Values and how every student can be the best versions of themselves.

Our Year 10 and Year 11 also had the opportunity to kick start their year by looking at study skills and the importance of revision and independent learning with an external speaker.

With regards to great first impressions: our new Year 7 students have made a fantastic start and have impressed staff with their positive attitudes in lessons as well as being polite and respectful to staff and each other; keep it up Year 7, you've made a great start!

We wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the array of different rewards that are being offered to your child this academic year:

- Reward Boards are in place in every classroom, ensuring students going over and above are celebrated.
- Senior Leadership Team/Head of Departments/Head of Year will be visiting classes, to see their work and praise students.
- Hot chocolate with our Head Teacher, Mrs Somerville.
- End of Term prizes include the Wheel of Wonder and Half Term Tutor reward bags.
- Student of the Week prizes in assemblies.
- Trips, Hot chocolate stations and End of Term activities.
- Reward Shop where students can purchase items with the green clicks they accumulate in lessons.
- Reward Station – offering a wide range of confectionary and stationery prizes.
- Positive phone calls home from subject departments and our student support team.
- Golden Moment Certificates; when a student has been exceptional or inspirational in a lesson or around the school.
- 1000 Club Certificates; when a student reaches 1000 positive clicks on ClassCharts
- Postcards home from classroom teachers and Head of Year. Extra rewards for students who achieve a full set of postcards.
- We will also celebrate student successes and achievements over our social media platforms, on classroom displays and through our weekly student message PowerPoint.

It is important that you continue to access your parent account for ClassCharts as this will allow you to see positive comments from teachers, rewards achieved, as well as any negative clicks and detentions issued. All students will receive their ClassCharts codes in school and we will be sending parent codes too by the end of the week.

As was stated in our correspondence with yourselves prior to the summer break there will be a 'No Jewellery policy' moving forward this will mean that no ear piercings or any forms of jewellery are allowed in school apart from an analogue watch (Smart watches are not permitted).

We would also like to remind you that false eye lashes and acrylic, gel and nail polish are not permitted this includes any French style or natural nail colours.

In our drive to ensure the highest possible outcomes for our young people, and in line with our core values, we work exceptionally hard to develop students who demonstrate respect, commitment and achievement in all aspects of their life. As part of this drive, we have reviewed our internal suspension system, from the 7th September if a student is placed into an internal suspension, they will spend their day completing curriculum work outside of normal lessons, lose their unstructured times and will be expected to remain in school until 4:00pm. Parents will be contacted by a member of the Student Support team, likely their Head of Year if your child is placed in internal suspension. You will also be able to see this on your child's ClassCharts account.

We are very grateful for your continued support, ensuring that our high expectations are met. If you do require any support following this letter, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Year 7 and 8 – Miss Archer
Year 9 – Mr Robinson
Year 10 and 11 – Miss Oakley

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Davidson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

Kelly Davidson
Assistant Head of Behaviour and Welfare