



WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

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Year 10 - Spring Term 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

The autumn term was incredibly successful with teaching staff giving Year 10 positive referrals for excellent work, commitment to learning and conduct around William Farr. Each one of these positive referrals is recorded by the Form Tutors with certificates being awarded in our weekly celebration assembly. In addition, each positive referral is turned into a raffle ticket which is added to a weekly prize draw and a half-termly prize draw for a £25 Amazon gift card.

During the spring term in Personal, Social and Health Education we will be covering personal finance as well as continuing to offer careers advice in preparation for post 16 options. I am delighted to have already had Lincoln College come in to speak to the year group as well as having the RAF and Lincoln City Football Club representatives coming in over the next few weeks. Careers appointments continue to be available and students can book these via Resources or myself.

At the beginning of March, we are holding our Careers Fair, which all students will attend and where they will have the opportunity to talk to a wide range of employers, colleges and universities. We hope that students will take the chance to learn about possible future careers and broaden their knowledge of further and higher education opportunities.

Year 10 have other fantastic opportunities coming up this term; we have the Religious Studies Beth Shalom Synagogue trip, our Pizza and Movie night to celebrate positive behaviour from last term, there is House Football and Badminton as well as a House Quiz. There are a number of different extracurricular clubs for Year 10 to get involved in. We also have Parent's Evening on Thursday 7 March.

Social media continues to be an area of vigilance for parents. Please can I remind you that mobile phones are not permitted in school. The internet is an amazing place and we want our students to get the most out of it, and to use it safely. The NSPCC have put together a simple guide to give you information and advice to keep your child safe online. It is called Online Safety for Parents NSPCC. [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#) Also the LSCP (Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership) have videos on YouTube [The LSCP - YouTube](#) which cover issues on Staying Safe, online bullying, gaming, group chats and malicious communications amongst many others. They are short clips which are suitable for both adults and children which I am sure you will find useful. If your child is struggling with their mental health there are, of course, the avenues of support through school as well as KOOTH. Kooth is a support service which the year group had an assembly on early on in the term. More information is available on the notice board outside my office.

A reminder that attendance is mandatory. Punctuality is also of importance, and all students should be in form rooms ready for 9.00am registration. Students should not be on site before 8.30am (if on the rare occasion this is unavoidable, they must sit in the dining room until 8.30am, where we know they are supervised).

Following the release of more behaviour information to parents through the Bromcom Parents App please do speak with your child in the first instance should you receive information via MCAS. Your support in monitoring your child's information on behaviour is appreciated.

We have a number of students who suffer with severe nut allergies in school. Where possible, we would appreciate it if students did not bring nuts into school. This includes nuts in packed lunches and snack bars.

As ever, I will try to respond to any requests as promptly as possible and look forward to continuing to work with you to support your child in their educational journey. I am sure that Year 10 will continue to excel throughout the spring term.

Yours faithfully

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

Mr S Willett
Head of Year 10