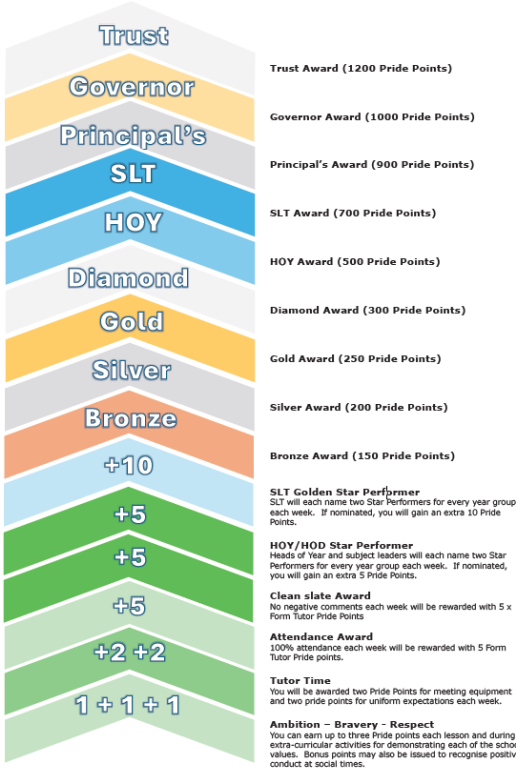


# AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

## Nearly 900 certificates awarded

### Classroom Rewards



*Last week saw the first of our 'double points week' where pupils across the Academy were awarded 26,597 points. This week we celebrated the successes of many of our pupils and handed out nearly 900 certificates!*

*We had 267 pupils who have already achieved the Bronze Award as well as 2 students receiving the bronze, Silver, Gold AND Diamond award as recognition of their hard work.*

*We are extremely proud of our students and their displays of Ambition, Bravery, and Respect!*

### Year 11 - Mock exam revision

It was fantastic to see so many students attend the Year 11 information evening!

After the half term, the Year 11 students have mock exams starting 11<sup>th</sup> November. It is vitally important that the Year 11s spend a significant amount of time revising over the half term, to ensure they are successful. They have been given a document that details carefully what they need to revise. This will inform predicted grades, setting and is an important milestone on the way to the final end of year exams.

0 days off in a year 0 lessons missed	100%
2 days off in a year 10 lessons missed	99%
5 days off in a year 25 lessons missed	97%
10 days off in a year 50 lessons missed	95%
14 days off in a year 70 lessons missed	93%
20 days off in a year 100 lessons missed	90%



### Attendance

Well done to Year 7 who's attendance has improved over the course of the half term. They have set an example for the other year groups to follow.

Remember, missing just 2 days per month means that you miss 10% of the school year.

### My Child At School APP (MCAS)

As you know, our communications are via the My Child At School (MCAS) app. The benefit of the app is that it gives you so much information such as their timetable, attendance, secure messaging and you can maintain your contact details. A number of families have said recently that they have not received letters from us. Please check you have allowed MCAS notifications on your phone so you are advised when we have sent you a letter. If you do not allow notifications, you will need to go into the app regularly to check for messages. If you need any support with the app, our office team can help you.

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**Zarach's Mission:** To end child bed poverty in England, giving children the opportunity to engage at school and a chance to break the cycle of poverty.

*Are there school-age children unable to gain a good night's sleep in your home due to not having the appropriate beds, no beds, broken beds, or multiple children sharing a bed?*

*Did you know that Zarach is a charity that exists in your area to provide brand new beds, pyjamas, and bedding for children where families can no longer afford to buy them?*

*If you are one of these families, please contact school for more information.*



Year 11 Mock Evening - 11th - 22nd November

Class of 2024 Graduation Evening - 14th November

Year 11 Parents evening - 12th December

**Please note on the 5th November all Period 6, detentions and afterschool clubs will be cancelled**

We have held a number of really successful and well-attended events since September. On 3rd October, we opened our doors to parents of children in Years 5 and 6 to showcase our staff, our students and everything our amazing Academy has to offer. Later in the month, we ran a Year 10 and a Year 11 information evening focusing on careers and revision. Please accept our thanks to all that attended.

## Lunch Balances

Please can I ask that all families check their lunch account balance over the half term holidays. We have some accounts which are overdrawn and it is important you know we cannot allow further purchases of food and drink while there is a debit balance on an account. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, an allowance is added to their account daily for them to spend at lunchtime. This allowance cannot be spent on breakfast or morning break food. Even if your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please still check your balance as we have some where they are overdrawn so they may not then benefitting from their full daily allowance due to the overdraft.

If you have any questions about paying for meals, please contact the academy office. We can also advise you on how to apply for the free meals scheme or please follow this link [www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/free-school-meals/#:~:text=All%20children%20attending%20a%20state,you%20receive%20a%20qualifying%20benefit](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/free-school-meals/#:~:text=All%20children%20attending%20a%20state,you%20receive%20a%20qualifying%20benefit). If you are making payments for lunches, please also note that with our new till system, credits now show on your child's account the same day as you make the payment on MCAS. The credit should appear within the hour for them to spend.

Equipment — we have noticed that a lot of students are saying their whiteboard pens have run out as well as green and black pens. So if you could please support in re-stocking these for them over half term that would be greatly appreciated.

