



8th July 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

### **Year 10 Raising Achievement Evening**

It was a pleasure to meet Year 10 parents and carers last night at our Year 10 Raising Achievement evening. I know that some parents will not have been able to visit us on site since Year 8, so I hope you found it helpful as we begin to prepare your children for Year 11. Next year is so important that it has never been more crucial to work together. The college talks help to build high aspirations for what lie ahead.

### **Year 11 Prom**

Last Friday night, our Year 11 donned their finest outfits and celebrated the end of Year 11 at prom. Students were an absolute credit to the academy and their families and everyone involved had a lovely evening. We promised students we would share the traditional Denes staff leavers' video with you all and this can be viewed [here](#). It really is a wonderful recreation of a famous show and we hope you all enjoy it.

### **Summer Holiday Activities**

We have been notified of a number of summer holiday activities available for students, many free of charge or low cost, and some based at the academy. Please check social media for details of these opportunities, which will also be noted on the students' year group Personal Development Google Classroom.

### **Enrichment Events**

With an exciting series of enrichment events planned over the next week, ranging from personal development, transition and careers events, through to the culmination in our highly anticipated (and hotly contested!) sports day, we are confident that every student will experience something to enhance their wellbeing. As ever, these complement our routine lessons which are continuing to the very end of term and our standard attendance expectations remain throughout. Our attendance support for families can be found [HERE](#) and we look forward to rewarding as many students as possible in our upcoming attendance reward event. Remember, every student who attends each day in a half term is entered into the prize draw to win one of 5 £25 Just Eat Vouchers. *Be in to win!*

### **Wellbeing Award Quality Mark**

Following the lockdown, we have invested in additional emotional wellbeing support for students, with a particular focus on working with external organisations, as well as delivering a new PSHE curriculum. We have been working hard to externally accredit the work we are doing, and are delighted to announce we have been successful in achieving the [wellbeing award quality mark](#). This award recognises the commitment we place on supporting welfare and our strategic approach to assist members of our community. I would like to thank the students, staff and parents/carers who supported our efforts to achieve this accolade. We will continue to further develop this important area of our academy's work.



To that end, you may be interested in [personal wellbeing action plans](#) and [grounding/coping cards](#) which we have uploaded to the mental health page of our website. These will help guide conversations at home about how to manage our feelings and practice self-care.

As always, should you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to help.

### **Summer Fete**

Students and staff have been working hard on preparations for our first school summer fete which takes place on Saturday 16th July 11am to 2.30pm. We'd love it if you could pop in and take a look. For more details please click [here](#).

We will be delivering the following PSHE content next week;

- Year 7 Living the wider world
- Year 8 Diversity and equality
- Year 9 and Year 10 Life beyond school

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Williams', written in a cursive style.

Kate Williams  
Principal