

15th October 2021

YEAR 7 ACE BADGE CONGRATULATIONS

Our current Year 7 has had a fantastic start to the year. In the first 2 weeks they completed the ACE Programme (Academy Conduct Expectations) and following this 25 Students received an ACE badge for their outstanding efforts.

We have now recognised the hardworking attitude of more students with a total of 50 ACE badges going to amazing students in Year 7 who are exceeding our Academy Conduct Expectations. Students have received these badges after receiving at least 15 praise comments from staff for superb effort and achievement in lessons.



YEAR 11 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The first of our 'Life Days' took place last week for Year 11 and was warmly received by the students - many of whom commented on the importance of the opportunity to spend time discussing "real world issues" away from a normal classroom.

Topics included substance misuse, STI's and transmission, HIV and the stigma associated with the illness, gambling and in-game purchases. Students also received support for mental health with a guide to meditation and relaxation which included some practice activities.

These days are so important for allowing our young people to have the opportunity after Covid to really begin growing again. We look forward to one each of these every half term.

A huge thank you to Spectrum for their support on this day where we utilised their in depth knowledge on many of the topics. To find out more information about the support and services from Spectrum please use the link below.

<https://spectrumhealth.org.uk/>



GOOD TO GROW

Morrisons are running the "Good to Grow" token scheme when you shop online or in store. Every £10 you spend you can get tokens to donate to your chosen school. These tokens will equate to free gardening equipment, which would be brilliant to expand our garden.

The tokens that are donated to us, we will then be able to exchange for gardening equipment to teach and engage our students with skills for life about growing their own food and being more green in the process. Please support us with this scheme.

<https://www.itsgoodtogrow.co.uk/>



LITERACY AND READING MONTHLY UPDATE

Once a month we release an update regarding what we are doing with literacy and reading and how you can support. It is vital that every child learns to read confidently for lifelong learning. Please read our [September](#) and [October](#) issues using the links.

COVID UPDATE

Reminder that our planned Covid vaccinations for those students with parent or carer consent will take place on Tuesday 19th October.

Please continue to home test students twice a week. LFD test kits can be collected by students in the Main Hall and outside of Main Reception. Please inform us via email or text if there is a positive result. There is a letter on the website with more information regarding the importance of regular testing [here](#).

Thank you for your support with this.

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