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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to share some wonderful updates and to express my sincere appreciation for your continued support throughout the school year. It has been an absolute pleasure to witness the progress, enthusiasm, and resilience that our students have demonstrated in their learning and wider school life through Key Stage 3.

Throughout this process, students have engaged in a range of learning experiences designed to build their skills, confidence, and readiness for the next stage of their education (Key Stage 4). They have shown growth not only academically, but also in areas such as Pride, Kindness and Resilience, qualities that will serve them well into the future.

We are incredibly proud of how our students have embraced challenges, supported one another, and represented the school with respect and integrity. These achievements reflect both their hard work and the strong partnership between our dedicated staff and supportive families.

As students approach the final stage of this process, we are pleased to share that this will culminate in a formal graduation ceremony for each student. This occasion will provide an important opportunity to recognise their efforts, celebrate their achievements, and mark this significant milestone in their educational journey.

Further details regarding the graduation event will be shared in due course.

In order to graduate the students will be assessed on their work ethic, attendance and behaviour in the academy. The criteria for their graduation level can be seen below:

| Graduation Level | Criteria |
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| Bronze award winners have all achieved: | E1-E3 effort grades Good or significantly improved behaviour records Attendance above 93 per cent |

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| Silver award winners have all achieved: | <p>Only E1-E2 effort grades Attendance above 95 per cent Good or dramatically improved behaviour records Over 100 Classroom Champion points</p> |
| Gold award winners have all achieved: | <p>E1 effort grades and no more than 4 E2 grades Attendance above 97 per cent Excellent behaviour records Over 150 Classroom Champion points</p> |
| Platinum award winners have all achieved: | <p>All E1 effort grades Attendance 100 per cent Excellent behaviour records Over 175 Classroom Champions Excellent Progress scores</p> |

Conversely, if a student does not meet the graduation requirements, it indicates they may not yet be ready for Key Stage 4. In such cases, the Academy will revisit parts of their Year 9 timetable during Year 10 until they demonstrate they are ready to learn at the higher level. These students will also miss the ceremony and the special trip. We will put in extensive intervention including parents and carers to ensure this is not the case.

The Academy will be hosting our graduation ceremony on the 15th, 16th and 17th July with further details being shared over the coming weeks regarding the timings and arrangements for the ceremony.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We value open and positive communication with our families.

Thank you once again for your partnership. We look forward to celebrating this important achievement with you and your child.

Yours faithfully



Mr R Bullock
Assistant Principal