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Dear Parent/Carers,

Following a consultation period with staff and students, we have now finalised the positive reward system that will celebrate our students going forward. These rewards will include all track points and attendance data that students have collected to date and going forward, students who meet the threshold will receive these benefits at the end of each full term.

Years 7-10 students will be able to participate in a celebration Carnival at the end of the summer term. Students will be invited to this based on the criteria of achieving 500 On Track points and consistently securing high attendance. The celebration carnival will take place on school grounds in July and will include performances from the school performing arts department, games and food. In addition we will also include a Colour Run.

At the end of each full term, there will be an afternoon off timetable for a specific activity including time for students to celebrate the creative arts, sport or cultural activities. Students will be required to meet certain targets within the full term including 150 On Track points and reach a minimum attendance target.

To support the students to monitor their own progress, we will provide a Positive Points Tracking Card that is updated weekly. This will enable students to track their own progress and see how they are advancing towards the termly celebration targets.

During the consultation period, students explained how they would like to be acknowledged for activities outside of academia. As a result, we have included additional acknowledgments for students in extracurricular activities and social time behaviours within our Celebration assemblies held at the end of each term. We will be launching a positive points badge collection this term. Students who receive 200 On track points will receive the Bronze badge, 400 points will gain students the Silver badge and 600 the Gold badge. All of these achievements will be awarded by the Headteacher at the end of each term to acknowledge their hard work and dedication to the community and their studies.

As part of our continuing drive to raise attendance, we will be launching the 100 Club. This is intended to celebrate and encourage 100% attendance over a monthly period. At the end of each month, students will be recognised for achieving 100% attendance and celebrated as members of the 100 Club in school. These students will also be entered into a prize draw to receive amazon voucher prizes for each year group.

We understand that our young people may occasionally not always make the right decision as they develop and learn. For this reason, we would like to offer students the opportunity to earn back points through positive contributions to the school so that they can be considered for celebration events. If your child is eligible for this you will be contacted by Key Stage Coordinators who will discuss this with you and your child.

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We hope that you will join us in encouraging our young people to not only push themselves academically but also personally in developing into confident and well rounded members of our community.

Yours sincerely

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