

April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another busy and exciting term at Montsaye Academy I thought it an appropriate time to write to you regarding our high expectations. As a school and indeed community we were rightly proud of our recent Ofsted inspection with a good outcome.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. In July last year I wrote to you regarding our uniform expectations and I am pleased to note that the vast majority of students follow our uniform policy as recognised by Ofsted **"pupils wear their uniform smartly and with pride"**. I am also pleased to report that our school attendance is improving and whilst I recognise that there is still work to do, again I would like to thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring that your child attends school every day and that holidays are not taken during term time.

It was a real pleasure in February to present a tablet to Joshua who had the most improved attendance since Christmas and we are looking forward to presenting another tablet shortly to the student with most improved attendance to Easter. There are also currently 305 students who are **#in2win** with a chance of winning £100 in vouchers for their 100% attendance since January. Look out for further opportunities to win vouchers and tablets in the summer term; just remember that your child must be **in2win**.

This term our student leadership team has been growing to include various committees focusing on a diverse range of topics and themes including an environmental committee.

The environmental committee has been running a campaign aimed at keeping our school environment tidy and showing respect for our school and is pleased by the vast majority of our students and how they treat our school. This was also reflected in the Ofsted report **"the general conduct of pupils around the site and in lessons is calm and orderly."** There is however a small minority of students who are letting the others down and not using the numerous bins that are around school and we have decided to address this next term. Any student who is seen littering or not treating the site with respect will be set a lunchtime environmental detention. Any child given this detention will have to report to a senior member of staff at the start of lunch and once they have eaten their lunch will spend time picking up litter around the school site using grabbers. Parents will receive a message if their child is set an environmental detention.

We have also decided to introduce a Senior Leadership Team detention and to make a slight change to the way we run internal isolation. The SLT detention will take place on a Friday afternoons from 3pm to 5pm and will be aimed at students who persistently fail to meet our expectations. Parents will receive a notification if their child is set this detention (with at least 48 hours' notice so that adequate time is given to parents to arrange transport).

After Easter any student who receives an internal isolation will be based in a room staffed by members of the academy leadership team. The day will start at 8:40am and will finish at **4.00 pm**. During the day students will





be expected to complete all work set, including work aimed at self-reflection. Parents of children given this sanction will receive a letter and telephone call home in advance.

Many thanks for once again for working with us to ensure that all children who come to Montsaye have a successful and happy education in our good school.

Yours faithfully

Mr Jon Berridge
Assistant Vice Principal

