



13th September 2021

High Aspirations for All

Dear Parent/Carer,

The first week of students being back in school has been a very positive experience and we can see that they have enjoyed their return to the classroom. It has been a real pleasure to see them resuming a more normal return to their school lives, as the recent Covid measures have reduced, and they have adapted well to the changes that have been made.

This week, to drive our school vision of 'Creating a climate for great learning, success and opportunity', we have outlined to our students the importance of them having 'high aspirations' of themselves in all aspects of their lives. This will highlight the importance of not only considering their next steps when they leave the school as Benton Park Graduates, but also supporting them in developing the skills and knowledge they need to be able to access whatever future pathway they choose.

As part of this initiative, students will enjoy a fortnightly period with their Form Tutors, during which they will focus on their aspirations, as well as developing the skills needed to encompass our school values of Resilience, Inspiration, Collaboration, Endeavour and Compassion. These sessions, entitled 'Aspirations for All', will begin with a focus on mental health and wellbeing, an aspect that we know is extremely important in supporting all young people following the pandemic and its impact on their academic and personal lives. During this time, Form Tutors will lead discussions about any concerns that young people may be encountering, as well as providing guidance and information on where they can access support, both in and out of school.

Students will then engage in activities which will enable them to develop a range of skills and understanding of how to achieve what they are capable of, particularly focusing on how to develop their learning skills and be the very best versions of themselves that they can be. Activities will include a focus on Careers, Enterprise and Personal Finance, and strategies to support their memory and retrieval, revision skills and strategies to extend their learning.

We very much look forward to collaborating with our students on this initiative, and invite you to discuss these Aspirations for All sessions with your child, to support them in developing their own aspirations. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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