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Dear Parent / Carer

**1) Great Open Evening**

I just wanted to let you know how very proud and impressed we were with the hundreds of pupils who helped the school at the recent Open Evening. Feedback forms from visitors were full of praise for their guides and the engaging activities in the classrooms. Everyone who helped will be receiving 10 praise points.

**2) Rewards – Praise Points**

As pupils clock up impressive numbers of praise points whilst accumulating very few (if any) behaviour points on Class Charts, I wanted to share with you our plans for awarding rewards based on these points this year.

**- 100% attendance\* and 0 negatives in a week:**

A weekly prize draw for a bar of chocolate

**- 100% attendance\* and 0 negatives in a half-term**

-Golden Ticket Trips:

The 16 pupils with the highest number of praise points each half-term in each year group receive a 'golden ticket' to attend a Golden Ticket trip.

**- Form Group Prize.**

Each term the form group with the highest praise points in each year group have a special breakfast or lunch (such as Dominos) with their head of year.

**- Certificates and enamel badges:**

Bronze, Silver and Gold badges awarded when trigger points are reached.

\*exceptions made for medical conditions

**3) Incident after school**

An unpleasant and dangerous physical altercation took place between a number of boys close to our school after school on Thursday. Whilst police and TGBS are dealing with the incident itself, it has come to our attention that a small number of our pupils were present, with at least one filming the incident. This is incredibly disappointing and runs completely contrary to our school's culture. We will be investigating and will be suspending pupils who we feel have worsened a really dangerous situation. We expect all pupils to conduct themselves to a high standard before and after school. If children do not feel it is safe or appropriate to deescalate

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a situation they are aware of themselves they should immediately notify the school and / or parents so adults are able to quickly intervene.

The police are equally clear: *'If your friend breaks the law, your association with that person may have legal consequences for you, which could be very serious – even if you weren't the one directly responsible.'* As adults we are keenly aware of how violence involving children can escalate to potentially life-endangering levels. Please take some time to discuss with your child possible scenarios and appropriate courses of action.

#### 4) **Knowledge booklets**

Your child has been given a knowledge booklet last week. This is one booklet that contains the key knowledge that your child needs for each half term for each subject. Dependent upon the subject it may be: key concepts/ideas, words and definitions, dates, skills, quotes, formula/e.

##### **How will my child get the knowledge booklet and how often will they receive a new one?**

Your child will receive their knowledge booklet from their form tutor at the start of each half term. They will be provided with a robust plastic wallet to protect the knowledge booklet in their bag. It is entirely your child's responsibility to look after the plastic wallet and knowledge booklet and bring it into school each day.

##### **What will the knowledge booklet be used for?**

Pupils will have a ready made resource to revise from in upcoming assessments/tests in lessons. Teachers may use the knowledge booklets to set self quizzing homework. During detentions, pupils may use the knowledge booklet to quiz from. If a pupil is sent to timeout, they can use their knowledge booklet to self quiz from whilst they wait for work to arrive. Years 10 and 11 will be using them in form time as a resource to practice the various revision skills covered in the revision programme.

You can help your child by using the knowledge booklet to help them revise and question what they have been covering in lessons. It will also enable you to see what content your child is covering in lessons.

#### 5) **Trips Day**

With Trips Day (Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September) rapidly approaching for all pupils, please contact the school if you have any queries and ensure any required forms for your child's activities have been returned



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6) **Sparx's Club**

One of our around 50 after-school clubs is SPARX Club. This is a great place to get help with Maths homework or to seek help with any topics from class in a relaxed environment. It runs every Wednesday in Room 29.

Yours sincerely

Mr Neil Jones  
Headteacher