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Dear Parent / Guardian,

I write with a number of updates:

1) World Mental Health Day

This year King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls will be celebrating and supporting World Mental Health Day, along with thousands of others across the UK on Thursday 10th October. Young Minds are calling for schools to be that little bit brighter by wearing something yellow in support of this.

We recognise along with Young Minds that, right now, the world is a really tough place for children and young people to grow up in. We want our young people to know that they do not have to go through things alone and things can get better.

This World Mental Health Day, we invite your child to come to school wearing a yellow accessory or accessories in addition to their normal uniform (for this day only) this might include things like a yellow bow/ribbon/ hair band in their hair, yellow socks or yellow tights, yellow badge to go on their blazer, yellow nail varnish etc if they feel comfortable doing so. We do not want anyone to go out and buy anything for this, please do use anything you have already at home.

During this week we will be talking to our pupils about things we can do to promote positive mental health and will be working together in form groups to put together an A-Z of wellbeing for our school community.

We look forward to seeing a sea of yellow on Thursday and thank you in advance for your support.

2) Enrichment Day

Feedback from all the trips and activities during our most recent Enrichment Day in September was that our pupils were a credit to themselves and their school. I really appreciate all the extra work staff undertook to make this day possible.

3) Rewards:

We are introducing a new rewards program as part of our recently implemented behaviour system. This initiative is designed to celebrate and reward students who consistently meet high standards of attendance, behaviour, and effort throughout the school year.

We believe that recognising positive behaviour is key to maintaining a motivating and supportive school environment. Below is an outline of the rewards available to pupils:

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Perfect Week - Weekly Prize:

Pupils who achieve 100% attendance* and have 0 negatives each week will be entered into a prize draw. One pupil from each year group will win a bar of chocolate in this weekly draw.

Perfect Week - Termly Prize:

Each week pupils who have 100% attendance* and have 0 negatives will be entered into the larger termly prize. One lucky pupil from each year group will win a £50 Amazon voucher at the end of each term.

Golden Ticket Trips:

Pupils who earn the highest number of merits in their year group will be invited on a Golden Ticket Trip each half term such as Bowling, Rush Trampolining or Air Nation. These special trips are a way to reward those who consistently demonstrate positive behaviour and effort in their studies.

Form Group Prize:

The form group with the highest overall score (calculated by Merits minus behaviour points, with a consideration to the form groups attendance) at the end of each term will win a breakfast or lunch with the Head of Year. This prize encourages collective effort, teamwork, and positive behaviour within each form group.

Certificates and Badges:

To further motivate pupils, we will be awarding certificates and badges to those who reach set milestones in the number of merits they have earned. These milestones will be recognized at the Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum levels. Badges can be worn proudly around school to celebrate the pupil's achievements. The certificates and badges will be awarded on a half-termly basis, ensuring that pupils are regularly recognised for their efforts.

These rewards not only celebrate individual accomplishments but also encourage pupils to maintain a high standard of attendance and behaviour throughout the year. We hope that this program will serve as a positive motivator for all our pupils to take pride in their actions and contributions to the school community.

*Exceptions made for pupil's with long-term medical conditions.

Yours faithfully

Mr Neil Jones
Headteacher