



# The Pingle Academy

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VSH/KW/Parents

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Dear Parents and Carers

You will be pleased to know that students are working hard and making good progress across the academy. Students in all year groups are showing a positive attitude to learning and embedding their learning by completing homework and home study.

Students are getting used to the Mathematics "Hegarty" homework system and are benefitting from the clips they can watch at home if they need a reminder of the method. Help and support are always available from staff, but we are trying to promote independent learning to stretch and challenge students. Many are loving it! It is worth remembering that a student who does one hour of homework every school night for 5 years will have an extra 100 hours of learning. This will clearly stand them in good stead!

I was very impressed with the work ethic of Year 11 on Saturday morning; 78 students participated in two hours of extra learning and 7 students gave apologies due to prior commitments. Bacon sandwiches were enjoyed by all! 11 staff gave up their Saturday morning to support. Thank you and well done to all.

Last week, we welcomed 29 Japanese children and their teachers into the academy. They brought numerous gifts for our students, interacted well and thoroughly enjoyed their visit. Our students showed courtesy and great interest in different traditions and cultures.

Open Evening was extremely well attended and we met some lovely keen students and their parents and carers. A huge thank you to our students, who demonstrated their skills and offered tours and inside knowledge! As always, you did us proud!

We are nearing our first data collection point and you will receive information about your child's progress and attitude to learning after half term. Pingle Points will be awarded for attendance, punctuality and a positive attitude and these can be collected towards rewards. Student Leaders have been consulted on rewards students would like to see. Members of the Leadership Team will be explaining these to students and parents/carers.

Our premises projects are nearing completion; students will soon be accessing the new 10 classroom Mathematics block and are already accessing the brand new astro turf pitch. Caring for our academy and litter are key themes for us at the moment, so do back us up with conversations at home when you can please.



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We are checking carefully on student behaviour on buses. We are reminding students about the need to get it right "even when nobody is looking". Students and members of the public have every right to travel safely and happily and we will do everything in our power to ensure this happens.

As the nights draw in, please remind students of the importance of staying safe and walking with others, where possible. They should be extra vigilant when crossing the road and when on scooters and bikes. We have some free bike lights available. Please contact Mr Done, Assistant Principal, if you would like some.

Yours sincerely

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