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VSH/KW/Parents

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your incredible support for our academy throughout the year. When I reflect on how far we have come during the past five years, it makes me feel very proud to be part of that journey.

The recent surveys of students, staff and parents/carers have given us excellent feedback. Thank you to all members of the school community who have helped us with these surveys. They have provided a very positive and improving picture of the performance of the academy.

The students were very positive about their experiences at the Pingle Academy in their responses. They increasingly enjoy academy life and believe they are challenged to make progress by supportive teachers who listen to their ideas. Students feel safe and are happy with the academy's anti bullying work. They have high expectations of the behaviour of other students.

Parents and carers gave a very positive series of responses in their feedback, showing considerable progress from previous surveys. They believe that their children are safe, well looked after, taught well and make good progress at the academy. They believe they are listened to and receive valuable information about their child's progress. Behaviour is good and few parents had issues with bullying.

Staff were overwhelmingly proud to work in the academy, believe children to be safe, felt that behaviour is well managed and bullying dealt with effectively. The staff consider that we challenge students to make good progress.

There is a common feeling across the community that the academy is well led. An overwhelming majority of parents, students and teachers would recommend the academy to others.

We had an extremely good turn out at Year 7 Parents'/Carers' Consultation Evening last week. Over 80% of parents and carers came to discuss their children's progress with their subject teachers and many of those who could not make it have contacted Miss Sowter, Year 7 Progress Leader, for feedback. Apologies if you struggled to park on this very busy evening. We have reviewed our parking arrangements for future parents'/carers' evenings.

We also welcomed Year 11 parents/carers and students to discuss revision materials and techniques with teachers last week. Thank you to Mrs Parker for organising this.

Online resources are available for all year groups, for example Educake, GCSE pod, SENECA learning, Quizlet, Tutor2U and Hegarty Maths. There are links on our website. It is important that Year 12 students have all their revision materials with them over the Christmas period, as they have very important mock examinations in January and will benefit from some study when the festivities are over.



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Working together to support your children will, of course, give them the best chance of success. Parents and carers of students in any year group are always welcome to contact us if you would like feedback or support with any aspect of your child's education.

I hope to see some of you at our "Christmas by Candlelight show and Christmas Craft Fair" this evening. The Craft Fair starts at 6:00pm, followed by the show at 6:30pm. This promises to be a lovely Christmas celebration.

Sixth Form students will be treated to a traditional pantomime on Thursday, performed by some characters who will be very familiar to them!

Year 7-11 will have Christmas celebration performances on Friday and this will be a non-uniform day. We will be having a charity collection if you feel you can contribute, but I know this is an expensive time of year for families.

A reminder that the academy will close to students at 1:10pm on Friday 21 December. If you wish your child to remain in the academy until 2:50pm, please contact the relevant Progress Leader who will make arrangements. Academy buses will run as normal at 2:50pm. Any student on Free School Meals who wishes to have a sandwich lunch on that day should see their Progress Leader.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas. Best wishes for 2019.

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Sharples
Principal