



Dear Parents/Carers

## Newsletter (21) – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### **Celebrating success**

We are awarding our Year Awards and KS3 Baccalaureates to recognise students for their all-round excellent effort in their studies and wider contribution last year. A year award is received when a student has good Attitude to Learning grades on their reviews all year and completes an amount of community service, wellbeing activities and extra-curricular activities within the year. We are awarding, based on last year's achievements, 110 Year 7 awards, 57 Year 8 awards and 83 Year 9 awards. Given that these award winners managed to continue their efforts during lockdown, this is particularly impressive.

Each subject in KS3 has created an enrichment activity called a [Subject Award](#), which are all explained on our website. Students who complete enough of these and who achieve two Year Awards across years 7 to 9 are awarded our Wood Green KS3 Baccalaureate for sustained learning and personal development. We are awarding 24 KS3 Baccalaureates to last year's Year 9 this week and these students will have a celebration breakfast next week with Miss Dobson.

Every Year Award and Baccalaureate recipient is given a badge to recognise their efforts so I look forward to seeing a mass of badges worn with pride next week.

### **Good and bad behaviour outside of school**

In the last week I have had four contacts regarding our students leaving school. In two of them the public could not have been more positive: students stopped to help one person who was having trouble crossing the road, ensuring that she got across the zebra crossing safely and that the traffic stopped. In the second, a person contacted me to say how polite our students were leaving school, moving out of the way to stop them feeling crowded. This makes me so proud to hear about our students behaving in this way.

The other two incidents were the complete opposite. In one, a small group of students were leaving school down the side of school and not moving for a parent coming to pick up their child. Our students then were verbally abusive to the driver. We are hoping to identify them. In the second, a group of younger girls would not move aside for two more senior members of the public and one girl used abusive language towards them. Apparently there were many other students nearby behaving perfectly politely so I would hope that someone will let a member of staff know any information to help us to identify this student. This shows that we have the vast majority of students behaving totally in line with our values of nurture and respect, but a small minority not doing this. We will be talking to students about this during tutor time and I am sure you will join us in reinforcing how we can help the public at the moment, and that any rude behaviour either in school or towards any member of the public is totally unacceptable.

Well done too to the students who clearly showed respect and kindness to members of the public this week.

### **Masks**

Mask wearing has gone very well this half-term. More students are not bringing their own masks now and, although we have a small amount of spare masks in school, we cannot guarantee providing them. Please could every student bring a mask to school. This will help enormously with the growing costs of managing safety in school during the pandemic and is more environmentally friendly.

I wish everyone a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R Shadbolt". The letters are cursive and connected.

Mr R Shadbolt  
Headteacher