

Our ref: MMC/GHR

12 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed time with loved ones.

The return to the Academy has been superb. Students have settled back into our normal routine excellently and I am reminded after each break just how high our standards are. I would like to thank you all for your support with uniform as our students really do take pride in it.

### **Teaching and Learning**

One of our key drivers is to cultivate the character of all our students. As such, we are currently reviewing our curriculum in a bid to gather the views of parents, staff, and students. Before Sunday 14th January 2024, please use this link to provide us with your thoughts on how we can improve our offer to students.

<https://forms.office.com/e/zxS7JcxAX6>

### **Events and Enrichment**

An Audience With...

Here at STWA, we passionately believe in educating the whole child and we strive for excellence in all areas of education, not just academic outcomes. We go above and beyond to ensure that the exceptional experiences we provide for our students reflect this vision. Our 'An audience with...' events have become an integral part of our events calendar, not only for our students but also for our feeder primary schools and fellow MLT secondary academies who are invited to join us. We are excited to announce that the next 'An audience with...' event will be held in late February; watch this space for further details of who it will be!

Y11 Parents Evening

On Thursday, our Year 11 Parents' Evening was a great success, and it provided a vital opportunity for parents, carers, teachers, and students to meet to review the progress of students following the trial examinations before Christmas. With a matter of months before the final examinations commence, we would like to thank all staff, parents, and carers for their ongoing support as we continue to ensure all students are fully prepared for these examinations, which will help to shape their futures.



## House Update

After the success of our Christmas Hamper competition, Wentworth have maintained their lead heading into the first week back with Cusworth closely chasing behind them! Students can still take part in Weekly Wins, Character Education sessions and Box Tasks to earn their house points. In half term 6, we will be hosting our first House Rewards Trip for the winning house to Xscape where students will be able to take part in Laser Quest and 4D Golf. Students will need to ensure that they are engaging in house tasks wherever possible to be able to attend the trip.

## Standards

We have started this term with behaviour and standards reset assemblies focusing on the key aspects of the standard we have in school. All students have been given a reminder about why it is important that we keep high standards of ourselves at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy each day. We will be focusing this half term on punctuality both to the academy in a morning and to lessons during the day. This is to ensure we do not miss any vital learning time.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a fantastic 2024.

Yours faithfully

Mr. M McDonald  
**Principal**

