



Montgomery High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are now half way through the year at 'Montgomery Family'. The school's vision of teaching and learning – EXCEL is developing well. The 'E' stands for Entry tasks at the start of a lesson that look at previous learning. 'X' stands for Excellent relationships, which we all look to have and 'C' is for a Challenge question for all to consider at some point in the lesson. We are embedding the Entry Task and Challenge question elements of our consistent teaching and learning vision, with a focus on effective ways of demonstrating learning over time (L) to come in the summer term.

The house and rewards systems continue to develop as we seek to work on the culture of 'Montgomery Family'. After half term, we are introducing Ambition boards, to recognise the hard work of students in lessons. We are also looking at how we reward the vast majority of our students, who work well and behave well every day.

You will have seen in the news recently that the issue of mobile phones has been discussed by the Government. We already have a firm line on this, as they are confiscated if seen or heard in school. We are continuing to encourage students to be punctual to lessons and as you know we tightened up on various aspects of that last term. In terms of attendance, we are aiming for 95% attendance every day, and on those days we have achieved it, we have an early break. We also have had 100 students rewarded in Year 11 for their performance in the first mock exam. A further 50 will also be rewarded after the second set of mocks. We have Year 10 and Year 9 classes of the week and Year 8 students of the week in different subjects. We also expect Years 7 to 9 to always have a reading book with them for their weekly silent reading in assembly and Drop Everything and Read time.

So lots of positives, but we still have a small minority of students who do not meet Montgomery Family expectations. As you know we have immediate sanctions for those who are removed from lessons and same day detentions for those who are late to school. All of this is designed to allow the overwhelming majority of students at Montgomery Family to flourish. That is why we are expecting all our students to conduct themselves appropriately through acting SMART. Which stands for :-

Safe

Mature

Ambitious

Respectful

Thoughtful

We will continue to set high expectations for how students conduct themselves in lessons, assemblies, on the corridors and during their break and lunchtimes. After all, these qualities are also those that any future employer or college provider would look for. We continue to move forward at Montgomery Academy and appreciate greatly your support in Inspiring Excellence Together.

We wish all of our students, staff and parents a great half-term.

Yours faithfully

Mr Bullen

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