



6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Wellfield Academy**

Headteacher Mr J Lewis

Student Badges
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you know, our school values of “Inclusive”, “Aspirational” and “Community Centred” are very important to us. We are a very close-knit community with a strong family feel but we also have other smaller communities that students belong to within the school called Houses. We wanted to provide a visual way of students showing the communities (Houses) that they belong to and are proud of. For this reason, we are re-introducing house badges and some additional badges.

This week in assembly we have given out badges to the Junior Leadership Team (JLT) so students can identify the students in these leadership positions. These included purple shields for Head Students, Deputy Head Students and Senior Prefects. We also gave House Captain badges that match each house colour for our Heads of House.

Next week, every student in school will be given a circular house badge to represent their house; green for Campbell, blue for MacArthur and yellow for Sharman. This will enable students to clearly see all students from different years who are in the same house community as them.

At the start of term, the theme of the week was democracy and students put themselves forward to be Student Council members and were democratically chosen. The first official meeting will take place next week and students will be given student council badges in the colour of their house, so students can recognise who is part of this community and speak to them about issues they would like them to raise.

Finally, our prefects already wear purple ties, but they will be given purple shield badges also. This will happen before the end of this term, when they will have some additional training to support them in their important leadership roles.

We wanted to let parents know about these badges and what they represent for your children but wanted to also extend a thank you to those parents who contributed to the own clothes day before Christmas which has in part helped to fund these badges. We ask that students take care of their badges and that parents (who are likely to be the ones washing blazers!) remove the badges before washing and keep them in a safe place. If students damage or lose badges we will ask that these are replaced via a payment on school gateway of £1.

Students have been told that they are to wear badges on the left lapel of their blazer and that they are worn in a certain order which has been communicated to them (house badge at the top, then a shield badge if they have one, student council below, extra-curricular badges will go below these). We also ask that students do not purchase their own additional different badges for uniformity and consistency.

Kind Regards

Laura Park

Assistant Headteacher