



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Nothing but the best

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This week has been a busy but successful one again. Our annual open evening was held and as usual our students were excellent ambassadors. Some students spoke in front of a hall full of parents and prospective students, others did tours around school, showing off the school they are proud of. They spoke with confidence and passion and as always we were very proud of them.



THIS WEEK'S THEME: DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

This week the theme has been Deaf Awareness Week. Students were given input in tutor time explaining about the 9 protected characteristics as stated in the Equality Act 2010. One of these protected characteristics is disability. A disability under the Act is defined as 'a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on your ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities'. People who are deaf or have hearing loss or tinnitus that fits this definition, have rights under the Act, even if they don't think of themselves as being disabled. We want all students to be aware of and to follow the Equality Act 2010 so that the school is free from discrimination and **inclusive** to all. We do have some students in school with hearing impairments and we want them to feel that others know how to be supportive and follow some simple tips to be better at communicating.

TALKING TO YOUR DEAF FRIENDS

Some deaf people speak, some use sign language and some use both. Find out what your friend does.

Five top tips

- 1 Get their attention. Try waving or tapping their shoulder.
- 2 Speak normally. Not too slowly or too loudly.
- 3 Face them when you talk. Make sure they can see your mouth.
- 4 Use your hands. Point at what you're talking about.
- 5 Keep trying. Try texting on your phone or writing a message down.

DISABILITY

Protected Characteristics

IMPORTANT LAUNCH: EXTRA CURRICULAR REWARDS

This week in assemblies Mr Beales has launched an exciting new extra curricular club reward system. Students will have an opportunity to collect pin badges linked to extra curricular attendance. Students who get involved with additional activities at school gain invaluable opportunities including teamwork, communication and leadership as well as a chance to make friends and have fun. If students have not yet attended any, it is not too late to try something new and if they are already involved they will have started to earn the points needed towards badges! We want students to **aspire** to get lots of badges.



Save THE DATE

Important upcoming events

Next Week theme: European day of languages



WELL DONE

YOU HAVE BE CHOSEN AS STAR OF THE WEEK FOR YOUR YEAR GROUP

Wellfield Academy

HOUSE COMPETITION

This week

In addition to the Star of the Week announcements in tutor time, students will now receive an actual certificate in tutor time on Mondays. Well done to this weeks winners!

Campbell "Full power"

MacArthur "2 dots"

Sharman "Antarctic Skis"