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THE ADEYFIELD ACADEMY

FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am immensely proud to begin this issue by celebrating two major national achievements for our school community. Following a thorough assessment across all six key standards, The Adeyfield Academy has officially achieved the Rainbow Flag Award. This quality assurance framework celebrates our commitment to an inclusive environment, with special praise awarded to our 40-strong student group, the Adeyfield Allies, whose leadership and equality initiatives deeply impressed the external assessor.In addition, following our School Games Gold Mark award for 2025/26, we were delighted to receive a personal letter of congratulations from David Taylor MP, praising our dedication to placing physical activity and sport at the heart of school life so that every child can thrive.

This term has also highlighted the deep sense of empathy and community across our academy. On 11th November, the entire school gathered together for a respectful two-minute silence for Armistice Day, featuring a live performance of The Last Post and thoughtful poppy displays created in form time. We have also been marking Anti-Bullying Week with our Odd Socks Day celebrating individuality and Year 7 are participating in workshops next week. Students have been reminded of our internal support channels, such as the 'See It, Hear It, Report It' initiative and our student-led Goodwill Ambassadors. This will also be reinforced in our whole school assemblies next week.

In the classroom, our Year 11 students have demonstrated exceptional dedication during their mock exams, showing inspiring teamwork and peer support during after-school revision sessions. On the sports field, our netball squads have enjoyed an outstanding term, with our Year 8 team sitting at the top of their league table after consecutive victories, accompanied by strong progress from Years 7 and 9. Our football teams have progressed strongly in cup fixtures, while our early-morning Running Club continues to show great commitment to fitness and community.

Our creative and charitable endeavours continue to flourish as well. We were delighted to host Year 6 pupils from Hobletts Manor Junior School for World War II acting workshops in our performing arts studio . We also send a special congratulations to Year 7 student Olivia, who is donating 8 inches of her hair to The Little Princess Trust to support young people experiencing hair loss. Meanwhile, well done to Nate P. (1st), Isaac T. (2nd), and Alfie H. (3rd) for winning our House Pumpkin Carving Competition, and we encourage all students to enter our active House Christmas Card and Textiles Design competitions.

Looking ahead, please remember that Friday 27th November is an Occasional Day. This date is also the deadline to pre-order tickets via School Gateway for our annual Christmas Lunch on Friday 11th December. We also invite you to join us for our festive Christmas Concert on Tuesday 15th December in Charter Hall. Finally, I encourage parents to review our online safety section inside this issue, which outlines essential tips regarding age restrictions and online risks associated with Grand Theft Auto.

With best wishes,

Miss Mason, Headteacher

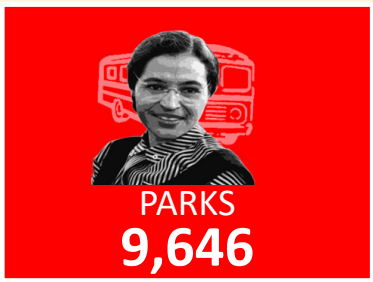
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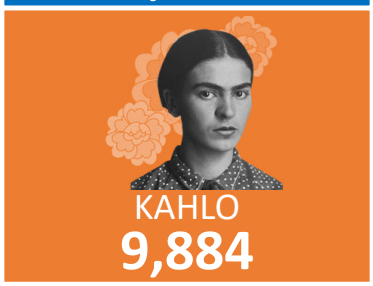
Year 7 Anti-Bullying Workshop	Wednesday 25th November
Occasional Day	Friday 27th November
Year 10 Bold Voices Day	Tuesday 1st December
Year 11 Destinations Day	Thursday 3rd December
Year 11 Sixth Former for a day	Friday 4th December
Year 9 Humanutopia Workshop	Friday 4th December
Year 11 Destinations Interviews commence	Monday 7th December
Year 12 Wayfinder Trip	Tuesday 8th December
Year 7 & 8 Panto Trip	Wednesday 9th December
Year 11 Paents Evening	Thursday 10th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 10th December
Christmas Concert	Tuesday 15th December













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SIXTH FORM

THE ADEYFIELD ACADEMY

Learning Without Limits



What we offer

- ✓ **An exciting broad and balanced curriculum** - inspiring academic success for every learner
- ✓ **Character Education** - Building confidence, resilience, and values beyond the classroom.
- ✓ **Blended Learning** - Technology enhancing every lesson.
- ✓ **Wrap-Around Pastoral Care** - Prioritising student well-being and dedicated support.
- ✓ **Dedicated Sixth Form Centre** - Vibrant common room with kitchen and seperate silent study room.
- ✓ **Rich and diverse extra-curricular programme** - Expanding horizons outside the classroom
- ✓ **Personalised Career Pathways** - Tailored exam revision and guidance for future steps.

What our students say:

"Adeyfield is very friendly, it has a welcoming community."

"I like the wide choice of subjects."

"The school is really vibrant."

"The teachers are kind and caring. They make time for you."

What our parents say:

"Students are encourgaed to aim high".

"Adeyfield is a fantastic school with incredible staff who I will be forever grateful for."

"I'm so happy we picked Adeyfield, my children are both thriving."

"Absolutely love Adeyfield! I could not have wished for a better school."

What to do next:

The closing date for Sixth Form Applications is **Saturday 12 December 2026**

APPLY NOW

Visit our website for more information.

Adeyfieldschool.org

Ambition Education Trust

CHARACTER EDUCATION

RAINBOW FLAG AWARD

PROUDLY ACHIEVED

THE RAINBOW FLAG AWARD

We are thrilled to announce that The Adeyfield Academy has officially achieved the Rainbow Flag Award!

Following a rigorous assessment process, our school has met every standard across all six key areas: Skilled Staff, Supportive Governors and Parents, Effective Policies, Inclusive Curriculum, Pastoral Support, and Student Voice.

This national quality assurance framework recognises our ongoing commitment to creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment where every student can thrive.

While this achievement is a triumph for our entire school community, a huge, heartfelt congratulations must go to our incredible student group, Adeyfield Allies. Made up of around 40 dedicated students, this group has worked tirelessly to champion equality, raise awareness, and make a genuine difference across the academy.

From designing vibrant wall displays and running anonymous support postboxes to planning form-time activities and assemblies for events like Pride and Trans Awareness Week, their leadership has been truly inspiring. In fact, the assessor singled out our Student Voice work as a major highlight of the visit:

"This section was undoubtedly the strongest in terms of evidence and impact and was wonderful to observe... It was clear that they were proud to demonstrate all the ways in which their school is inclusive and supportive of their needs."

The assessor met with students, staff, and governors to see inclusion in action, leaving us with some wonderful feedback that celebrates the heart of our school:

"All staff spoken with during the visit emphasised the importance of the school's values around respect and compassion, and it was clear that celebrating diversity and supporting inclusion are central to the school's mission."

Students shared with the assessor that the academy is ***"really accommodating of all LGBTQ+ people"*** and is great at ***"connecting people with shared experiences"*** and helping them build lasting friendships.

The report noted the positive impact of our inclusive curriculum, highlighting one student who shared how learning about in English ***"made them feel positively about their future career possibilities as they could see people like them engaging in successful careers."***

Thank you to all our parents, carers, governors, staff, and students for helping to make The Adeyfield Academy a place where diversity is celebrated and everyone belongs.



SCHOOL GAMES MARK RECOGNITION

Following our recent achievement of the School Games Gold Mark for the 2025/26 academic year, we are thrilled to share that the school has received a personal letter of congratulations from David Taylor MP.

In his message to the Headteacher, Mr Taylor praised our school's commitment to placing PE and school sport at the heart of school life and ensuring every student has the opportunity to stay physically active every day. Highlighting the vital role physical activity plays in supporting young people's health, wellbeing, and readiness to learn, he wrote:

"The School Games Mark assesses progress against measures including physical activity, inclusion, youth voice, physical literacy and opportunities to take part in competition. Your success in achieving a School Games Mark reflects your school's determination to support every child to find ways to be active, so no child misses out."

We are incredibly proud of our students and staff for their enthusiasm, dedication, and teamwork in making sport and physical activity inclusive and accessible for everyone. Thank you to David Taylor MP for recognising our school community's hard work.

Dear Headteacher,

I am writing to congratulate you on your schools success in achieving a School Games Mark for the academic year 2025/26.

I am delighted your school has been recognised for your commitment to supporting all children to be physically active on a daily basis, through the School Games Mark award.

As you know, this generation of young people face many challenges including around development, wellbeing and access to essential skills. Regular physical activity can support progress in each of these areas and I am sure you see the direct impact being active has on children's happiness, health and readiness to learn.

Too many children continue to be inactive outside the school day, making the importance of school-based activity greater than ever. By putting PE and school sport at the heart of your school, you are helping more children and young people access the substantial benefits which come from being physically active.

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Thank you, and congratulations again to everyone at your school for your success in this important area.

Yours sincerely,

David Taylor MP
Member of Parliament for Hemel Hempstead



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

AMBITION

FOOTBALL ROUND UP

Year 7 football have had a strong start to the year recording victories against Astley Cooper, Roundwood Park and Kings Langley meaning they have now also progressed to the 3rd round of the county cup. The Year 7B team had their first game away at Hemel and the energy levels and enthusiasm was top notch!

Year 8 boys have been on the end of a few unlucky results but have fought well and are still in the mix for another plate run in both the district and county. The Year 8B team also had a good result against Tring to earn a 2-2 draw in an entertaining game.

U13 girls football has seen a lot of girls coming down to training which is great to see and the performances have been reflected with some great team play and an impressive victory over Tring among others.

Student effort levels and hard work during training and matcheshasn't gone unnoticed, we look forward to the remaining fixtures this year.

RUNNING CLUB

The students attending our extra-curricular running club have shown excellent commitment this year. They have been up early every Wednesday and made great progress with their fitness levels.

We are pleased to hear some students have also taken the opportunity to attend local parkruns furthering their fitness outside of school.

The students have also enjoyed their Halloween fancy dress week with the Christmas fancy dress to look forward to in a couple of weeks time.



MOCK EXAMS & REVISION







The first week of mock exams have been hugely positive. It has been wonderful to see so many Year 11 students supporting each other with their revision after school

. Ronnie quite happily taught a group (including the teacher) about push and pull factors associated with urbanisation. Further to this, Atanan gave an outstanding description of covalent bonds.

Seeing students demonstrate this level of dedication to improving, giving up their own time to support each other and putting in that level of time has been mindblowing.

We sincerely hope that all the hard work is rewarded come results day on 8th December. Good luck to everyone sitting their exams.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

SEE IT HEAR IT REPORT IT





Our school community is marking Anti-Bullying Week by raising awareness and celebrating individuality. Pictured above, some of our Year 7 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are proudly displaying their official certificate of involvement from The Anti-Bullying Alliance.

Our student reporter, Lilly S shared: ***"This week is Anti-Bullying Week, which is crucial to help raise awareness of bullying and how we can help prevent it in schools. On Monday, we participated in Odd Socks Day and it was great to see so many people wearing their odd socks in order to celebrate our individuality."***

Students have also been writing pledges during form time and a Year 7 workshop with The Anti Bullying Alliance is scheduled for next week.

Alongside these activities, we have been reminding students of the different ways they can access support in school

"At our school, there are systems like 'See It, Hear It, Report It' where we can report any bullying we see so teachers can take action," adds Lilly, ***"as well as the Goodwill Ambassadors who run a lunchtime club for anyone to talk about problems they have regarding bullying."***

Thank you to all our students and staff for helping to make our school a kind, inclusive, and welcoming community.

- Written with Lilly S, Year 12.















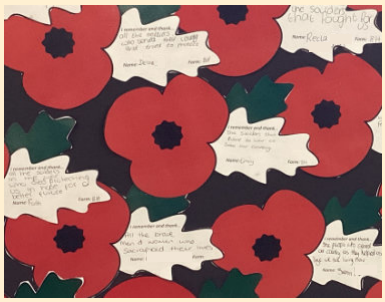


COMPASSION

REMEMBRANCE









On Wednesday 11th November, our whole school gathered together to observe a two-minute silence in honour of Armistice Day, followed by a poignant live performance of The Last Post.

Reflecting on the occasion, sixth form student reporter Nicole K shared: ***"On the 11th, the school gathered together to have a moment of silence to honour the soldiers and those lost in the First World War. It's important to remember what sacrifices have been made for us so we can live like this today, and to remember the history of the place we live in today."***

In form time, students also created thoughtful poppy tributes to give thanks and recognition to those who fought and sacrificed in past conflicts. We were additionally proud to see so many students in uniform representing their cadets and youth groups with such respect and pride.

- Written with Nikola K, Year 12

DIWALI

Happy Diwali! The Hindu festival of light, was celebrated by members of our school community on Sunday 8th November.



FESTIVE LUNCH



The Adeyfield Academy and our catering partners Aspens will be celebrating with our annual Christmas lunch on Friday 11th December.

Please be reminded, tickets must be pre-ordered via School Gateway no later than **Friday 27th November 2026.**

RESPECT

PUMPKIN COMPETITION



Well done to everyone who took part in this year's House pumpkin carving competition! We were blown away by the creativity and effort shown across all the entries.

After much deliberation, our top three winners were selected, with 1st Place going to Nate P. (Year 7), 2nd Place awarded to Isaac T. (Year 7), and 3rd Place claimed by Alfie H. (Year 9).

Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry and earned valuable points for their house.

NETBALL SUCCESS

It has been an exciting and action-packed term for our school netball squads, with every year group showing tremendous dedication, sportsmanship, and skill across their league fixtures.

Year 8s Take the Top Spot Leading the charge this term is our unstoppable Year 8 team, whose impressive winning streak has propelled them straight to the top of the league table. The squad delivered dominant performances across the board, securing emphatic victories against Abbots Hill (12–3), Astley Cooper (19–9), and Berkhamsted (6–2). Their teamwork, court movement, and clinical shooting have set a brilliant standard for the rest of the season.

Year 9s Shine with Standout Victories The Year 9 squad has also enjoyed a highly successful run of fixtures, picking up several strong wins throughout the term this is including a solid 7–4 victory over Abbots Hill and a hard-fought 11–11 draw against Kings Langley. The undisputed highlight of their campaign so far was a sensational 13–1 triumph against Ashlyns School, a match that showcased their sharp defensive interceptions and fast-paced attacking play.

Year 7s Show Grit and Growth In their debut term of secondary school netball, our Year 7 squad has competed fiercely and shown remarkable improvement as a cohesive unit. Facing tough opposition in games against Hemel, Berkhamsted, JFK, and Kings Langley, the team demonstrated great resilience and determination, growing stronger with every quarter played. Their hard work paid off with a well-earned 3–0 victory against Astley Cooper which was a fantastic milestone to build upon heading into the new year.

Congratulations to all the players for representing the school with such pride and enthusiasm. We look forward to seeing what next term brings!







DIGNITY

COURAGE

PERFORMING ARTS WITH YEAR 6

On Monday the 16th of November the PA department welcomed Year 6 pupils from Hobletts Junior School to the PA studio for 2 performing arts acting workshops.

The Year 6 pupils are currently studying the topic of WW2 and so in their acting workshop with Mrs Jaques they explored the emotions of the parents and child evacuees at that time. Pupils developed their confidence and Performance skills, taking part in character analysis tasks and creating a WW2 character for performance.

They all did fantastically well in the workshops, and it was really fun to have Year 6 in the studio! Well done to everyone at Hobletts Junior school that was involved in the visit, there was some fantastic performances delivered

Hobletts Manor Junior School

OLIVIA'S FUNDRAISING

Little Princess Trust

We would like to give a huge well done to Olivia in Year 7, who is bravely donating 8 inches of her hair to The Little Princess Trust.

The charity provides free, real-hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. Olivia's generosity and kindness will make a meaningful difference to a young person in need, and we are all incredibly proud of her for supporting such a wonderful cause!

To donate to Olivia's fundraising page, please click here.

HOUSE CARD COMPETITION



Christmas / Holiday Card Competition

To enter simply create a Christmas/ Holiday card design, in any medium (hand-drawn, painted, collage, digital or even animated) and submit your creation to the Resources Office opposite the LRC or via email: taa-resources@adeyfield.aetrust.uk

by 4th December.

House points will be awarded for all entries and the winning card will be used as the official Adeyfield Academy Christmas / Holiday card this year to send out to local Primary schools.

Good luck and have fun creating!



HOUSE COMPETITION

Achievement points awarded to houses for all entries

TEXTILES DESIGN COMPETITION

FOR STUDENTS

Your design could be printed onto fabric! Digital or hand drawn (no AI)!

We're excited to offer you the chance to enter our Design to Print Competition, in partnership with Prinfab, the UK's leading digital fabric printer.



WIN!

3 METRES OF YOUR ARTWORK PRINTED ONTO FABRIC by Prinfab

+ **A FREE SHORT ONLINE COURSE** from Textile Skills Centre!

Digital or hand drawn (no AI)!

THE COMPETITION

Open to: Students aged 5–18

Entry: UK schools only

Textiles Scholars are required to enter.

Closing date: 6 January 2027

Winner announced: Shortly after the closing date

Your design doesn't need to be a repeat pattern — any original textile design or artwork is welcome.

YOUR DESIGN

Your design can be anything you like — a pattern, illustration, abstract design or artwork.

Make it bold, make it personal! — make it yours!

HOW TO ENTER

Send your design to **Miss Hazell** or see her in BR3.

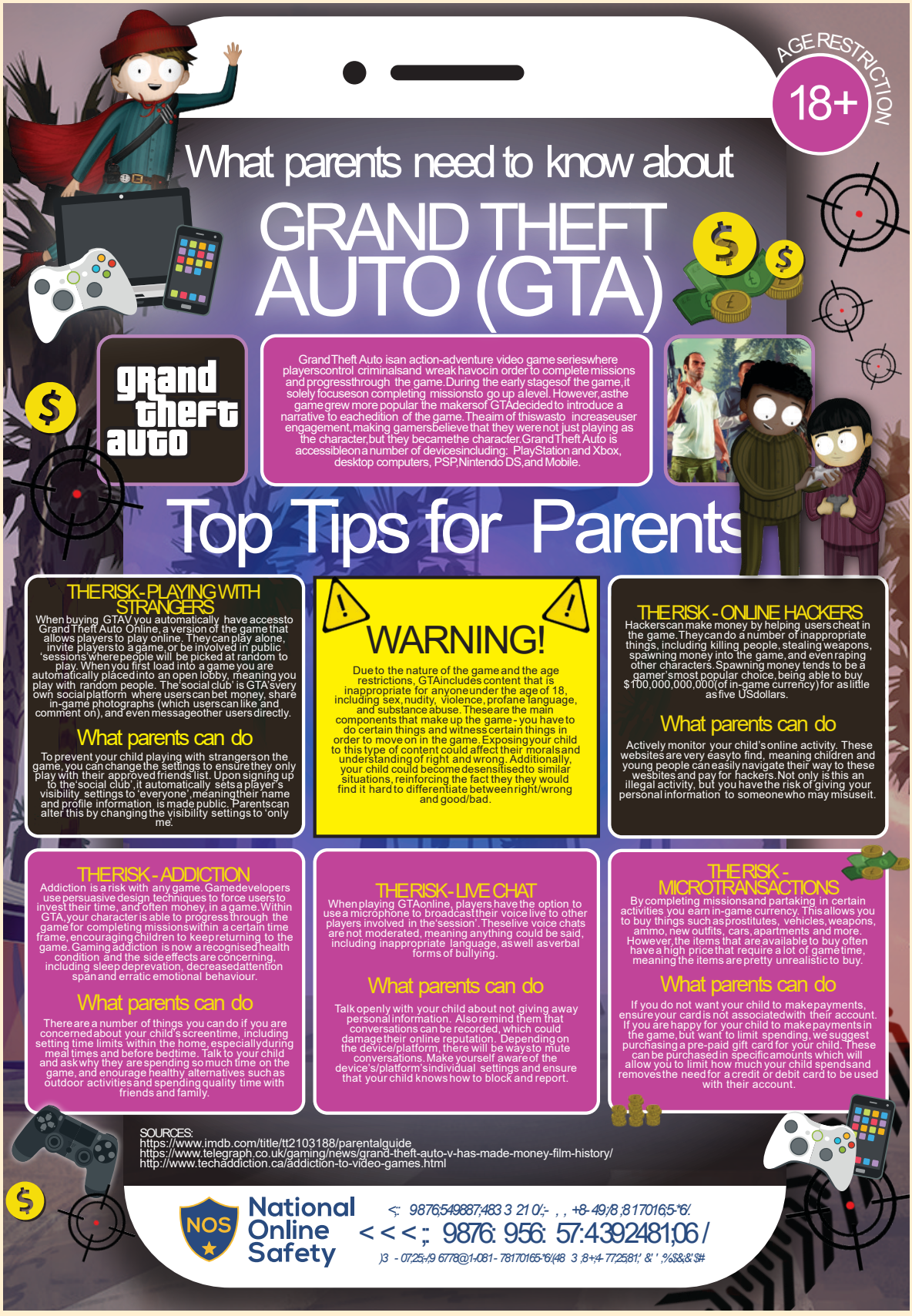
Need Design Support?
Drop-in to Textiles Club every Tuesday, 3pm to get help with your entry!



YOUR IDEAS. ON FABRIC.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

SAFEGUARDING



Instagram and Facebook are our primary social media channels. Please follow us to keep updated on all the great things our students are experiencing and achieving at The Adeyfield Academy. We look forward to connecting with you!

Christmas Concert

Join us for a festive evening of music, dance, and drama

TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER

DOORS OPEN: 6.15PM

SHOW STARTS: 6.30PM

CHARTER HALL



TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM NEXT FRIDAY

£4 ADULTS · £2 STUDENTS/CONCESSIONS

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

YOUR COMMUNITY



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ATTENDANCE

EDUCATION + ATTENDANCE + EFFORT = ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

⇒ More time in school means more time to learn, develop, grow and time to become the **very best you!**

⇒ Low attendance means drastically reducing life chances!

96-100%

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

On target for achieving ***5 STAR ATTENDANCE***

ACTION: Daily Attendance and absence monitoring

93-95%

50 MISSED LESSONS

Form Tutor review and discussion. Head of Year attendance monitoring.

ACTION: Letter sent to parents / carers about attendance concerns

90-92%

100 MISSED LESSONS

Head of Year attendance meeting and Attendance Team attendance monitoring.

ACTION: Letter sent to parents / carers informing about attendance meeting. Follow up letter sent outlining meeting actions. Student meets with Head of Year outlining targets.

85-89%

150 MISSED LESSONS

Local Authority attendance monitoring.

ACTION: Senior Leader attendance meeting with parents/carers, letter sent home with summary of agreed actions to improve attendance and potential fine.

BELOW 85%

200 MISSED LESSONS

Local Authority **ACTION,** Attendance Officer involvement.

ACTION: Letter sent to parents / carers warning of Fixed Penalty Notice following 15 sessions of absence. Once reached, a Fixed Penalty Notice will be issued to the Local Authority.

LEARNING WITHOUT LIMITS