

Welcome to the Class of 2031

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION EVENING 02/09/26



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WHAT WE ARE MOST PROUD OF

- More students than ever before achieving 5x grades 5-9 including English and Maths
- More students than ever before achieving grades 7-9
- Our attainment 8 score (the average grade that students achieve) is the highest it has ever been (excluding 1 year of the elevated grading system directly post covid). This is the 2nd year in a row we have made this improvement.
- Our HPA students made +1.24 progress, the highest this has ever been
- Out students going on successfully to their next steps...Wyedean & Dene Magna 6th Form, Grammar school 6th form, Hartpury, Gloucestershire College...



The day as a TDA student

"A place where the teachers treat you like family."

*"The food is amazing."
"The broccoli was cooked nicely."*

"I love that the teachers are so nice and funny and not too strict and that it is way more spacious than Primary. I have also met so many new friends."

"I thought I was going to get lost but the teachers helped me."

"I found the first day fun, instead of staying in one classroom all day, we got to change rooms and stretch our legs."



"It was scary when I first turned up but after making some friends, it made my easier and I enjoyed it."

"My tutor made the day feel a lot better as she was new, so we are doing it together!"



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A typical day at TDA

- Starts at 0845
- Muster
- Bulletin/Beyond Words/PD – hand in phones
- 5 x 1hr lessons – varied and broad curriculum
- Getting fed!
- Tutor check in at 1510 – collect phones
- Leave at 1515
- House Events/After school club
- Educational trips/visits



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Who we are – The Senior Leadership Team



Mrs H Rowlands - HT



Mrs N Mehrotra- Hughes – DHT *



Mr P Glynn- AHT



Mr T Fessey - AHT



Mrs T Adams - AHT



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The Year 7 Team



Mr A Stradling - HOY



Miss A Holt – 7ALH



Mr J Lince – 7JAL



Mr M Grimwade – 7MJG



Miss R Rose – 7RKR



Mr R Thomas – 7RT



Miss S Virgin – 7SMV



Mrs T Bennett – 7TBE



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Dates for your diary



Open Evening

Thursday 24th September

INSET

Friday 25th September

Tutor Evening

Tuesday 29th September

School Photos

Wednesday 7th October

Y7 Reports Home

Tuesday 26th January

Y7 progress evening

Thursday 28th January



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Communication

- Classcharts

- Homework
- Timetable
- Positive rewards
- Negative points



- Text messages (MyEd App)

- Receiving text messages
- Logging absence
- Replying to text messages
- Key dates
- Policies



Log-in information

An information sheet containing key usernames and passwords for yourself and your child will be sent out by the end of next week.

- Emails

- Weekly Bulletin

- Social media

- Parent Pay

- School trips
- Lunch money



- 2x reports per year (1 data in early Jan and 1 full at end of academic year)



Mission Statement:

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Our 3 core values:

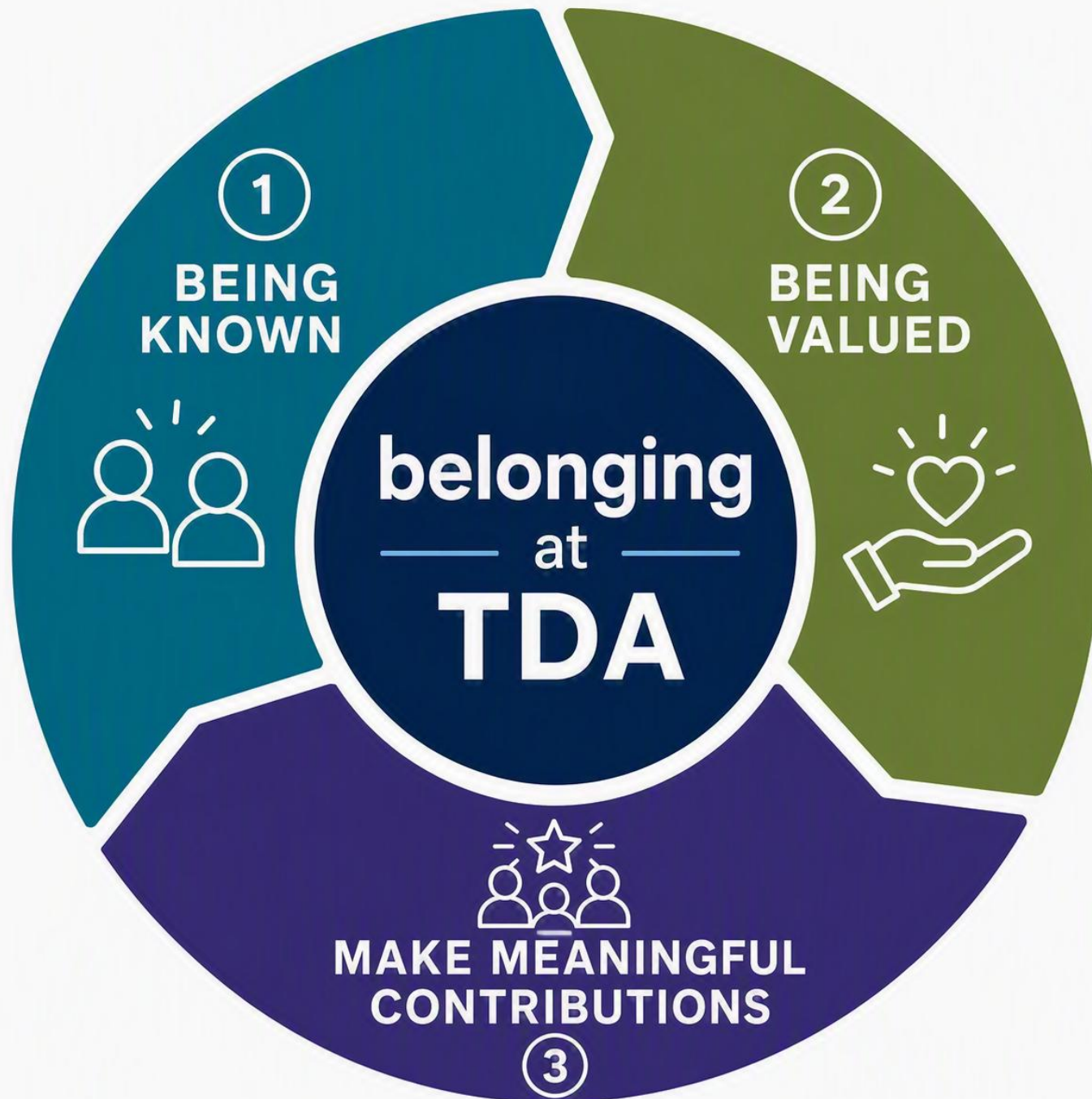
I am **Respectful**
I am **Responsible**
I am **Ready**



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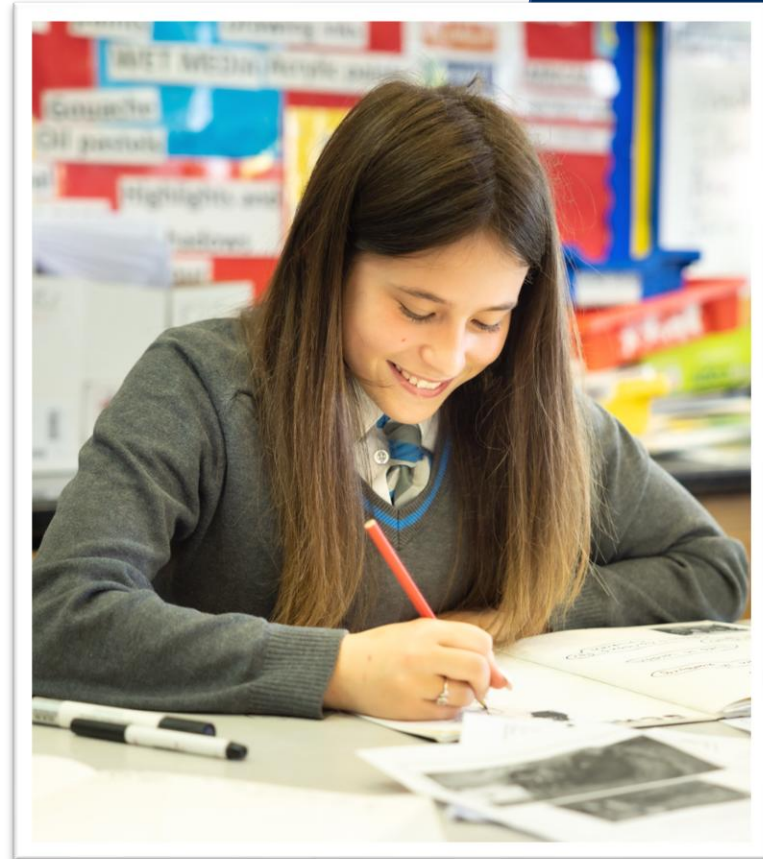
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Learning at TDA – in lessons

	Learning Objectives		You do
	Knowledge Retrieval		Independent practice
	Direct Instruction		Oracy & Reading
	Checkpoint		Plenary
	I do		REFINE
	We do		Careers



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Learning at TDA - at home

Sparx Maths

Sparx Science

Sparx Reader



- Each homework should take approximately 20-30 minutes for KS3
 - **CORE:** 1x per week
 - **NON CORE:** 1x per fortnight
- All homework will be set on ClassCharts
- Reward points given for completing homework → certificates
- Contact home from class teacher / DoF / HoY if homework is incomplete



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Learning at TDA – additional info

- Over the coming weeks your child will complete the following:
 - NGRT
 - CATs
 - Reading and Processing Screener
- SEND Interventions usually commence post October half term
- SEND team will be in touch
- Or reach out....
 - sen@thedeacademy.org



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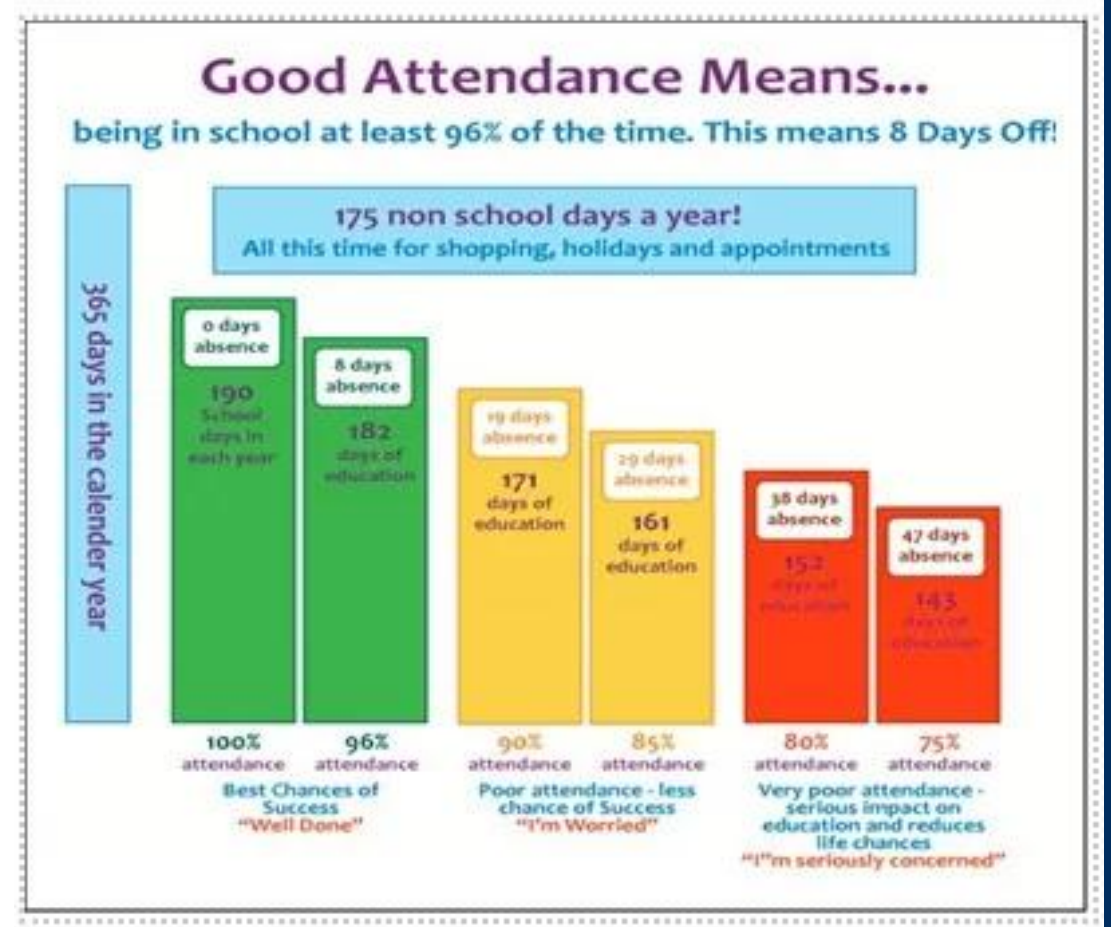
Attendance

- We appreciate some absence is unavoidable e.g. illness, hospital appointment, orthodontist, extenuating circumstances etc...
- We kindly request all other scheduled appointments (dentist, hairdresser etc...) and holidays are arranged for outside of school hours
- Punctuality to school and lessons is also crucial

- Average attendance of top 5 performing students in terms of progress in 2025 = **96.94%**
- Number of total minutes late across year of top 5 performing students in 2025 = **12**



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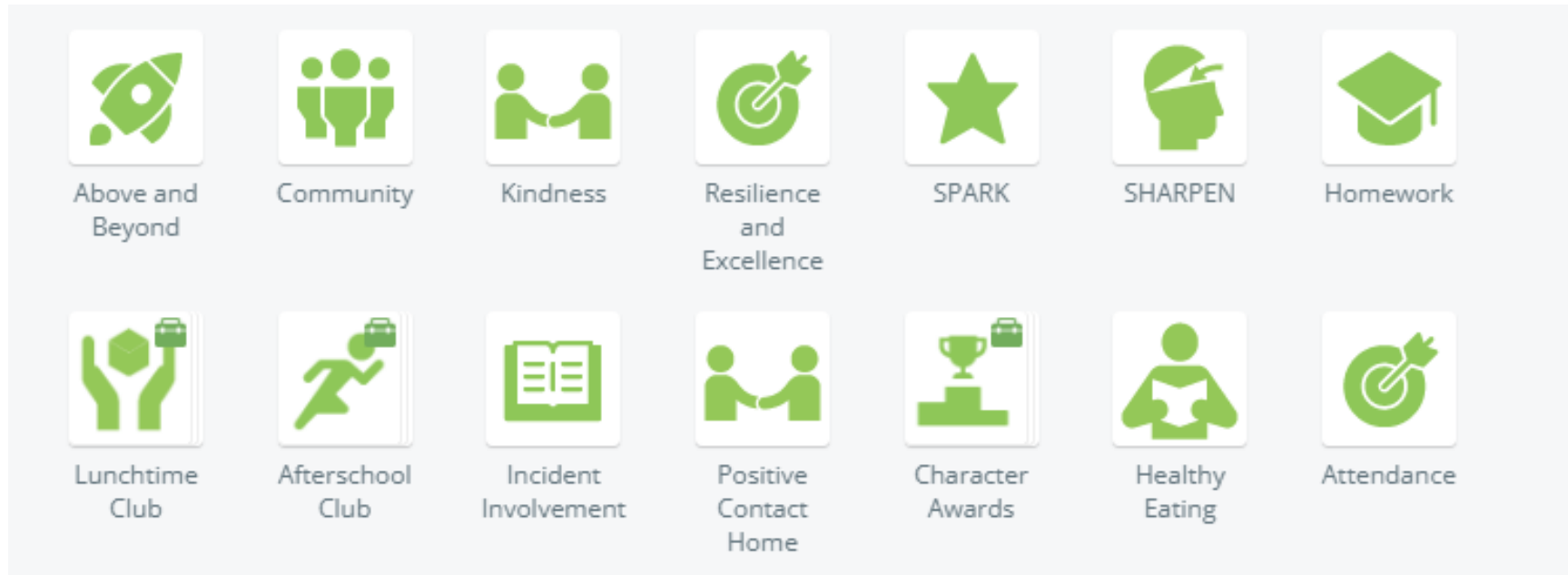


- Average attendance of lowest 5 performing students in terms of progress in 2025 = **79.54%**
- Number of total minutes late across year of lowest 5 performing students in 2025 = **811**

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HoY key messages

- Classcharts communication (Login details will be emailed)
- How to earn house points (character rewards)



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HoY key messages

- Website – Clubs / key messages / news
- Late bus for after school clubs
- Equipment – black pen, green pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, highlighter, calculator if possible (**Casio FX-85 GT or Casio FX-83 GT –Can be ordered**)
- PE Kit



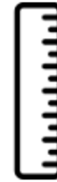
Pencil



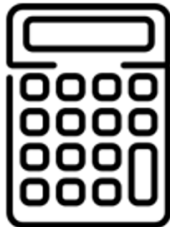
Green pen



Blue/Black pen



Ruler



Calculator



Eraser



Highlighter

All of your equipment should be kept safely in a pencil case which is stored in a bag. If you do not have any item of equipment, contact home will be made and you will accrue a negative point on ClassCharts.

It is important that all students take **RESPONSIBILITY** for coming into school **READY** to learn in their lessons and achieve their potential.



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HoY key messages

- Pastoral support – SSC



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