



# Washington Academy

*Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions*

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the Autumn half term, I would like to thank you for your continued support and for working with us in our journey of improving school to the best it can be for your child, so they in turn have the best possible chances of happy and successful lives.

As a staff team, we continue to be so proud of our students in every aspect of school life. There are so many successes I could write about, but I will keep it to a brief update linked to our four core values.

## **Value: High expectations**

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child does not miss out on their entitled education. While we still need to work together to improve our whole school attendance to where it needs to be, it is over 2% higher than last year.

All external visitors comment on how smart, ready for learning and the high standards of behaviour our students display – both inside and outside of the classroom. Our Year 11s have successfully completed their mock exam season and are really responding to the high hopes and expectations we have for their Summer outcomes – more on this in the New Year when we will have a mock results day!

## **Value: We treat each other with respect**

The data from our student and staff voice activities supports that this value happens every day in the Academy. The relationships between staff and students means that we have a typically positive whole school culture. 33,586 praise points have been awarded in total December alone.

## **Value: We learn from our mistakes**

We are so proud of several students who have started this school Year with a completely different and improved attitude to school and learning compared to the last academic year. These students will be recognised for this in our end of term House Assemblies, our Year 11 Recognition Assembly and our Whole School Rewards Assembly planned for this week.

Another example of this is linked to our open school culture and listening to our Year 11 students on how best we can support them through this final year. Our Year 11s told us the full days we planned to support coursework deadlines were too long and half days were better, so we changed this for our students.

## **Value: We care about every child**

I think our Facebook page demonstrates this value perfectly – Our Washington Academy Facebook page documents the fabulous range of opportunities every single child has on offer to them and the photos to prove just how much they enjoy these opportunities and take pride in their school. Whether it be sporting events, co-curricular clubs, co-curricular trips, residential, seasonal competitions, drama performances to name just a few, the personal development of your child is at the centre of everything we do.

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## **Next term.....**

We look forward to welcoming the students into the Academy on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January and students as always, should be on site by 8.25am.

We continue to have many events planned in the Spring term and we don't want our students missing out on any of them so please ensure they attend school every day.

But before next term starts, I hope you and your families have a happy and safe Christmas Break and a well-deserved rest after what has been a busy term for everyone!

Thank you again and I am already looking forward to the continued improvements we will see in 2025 at Washington Academy!

Yours sincerely,

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