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**October 2017**

Dear Parents and carers

### **Autumn Newsletter**

It has been a very busy half term here at De Warenne Academy and I am grateful to all of you who have been in touch and given me the opportunity to meet or speak to you and address any concerns you have. I really hope that going forwards you will continue to feedback to me and help me improve the academy – if you don't tell me there's a problem I am not guaranteed to find out and that's not very productive. I think we have made great gains during the last academic year and should be gaining pride and confidence in the success we can achieve when we work together productively.

### **MacMillan Coffee Success**

Our sixth form students ran a coffee afternoon for Year 7 pupils and families and a coffee morning for Years 12 & 13. Over £300 was collected in total, which is a fantastic achievement. I was really impressed with the commitment shown by the sixth form students and grateful for the support offered by staff, students and families. Thank you for all your donations.

### **After school enrichment**

You can find a list of clubs on offer on our website but I wanted to let you know this will be updated over half term. Obviously our staff want to make sure that Year 10 and 11 pupils are well supported in the run up to their exams but equally we want to offer clubs for younger students too.

### **Reporting to parents**

We have just finished collecting predicted grades and effort scores from teaching staff and will do this before the end of each half term. After half term, we will send a report home with your child so you can see how well they are doing and we will give pupils a planner sticker so they have easy access to their feedback. This will also be available on School Comms. Please discuss this report with your child and explain that although they can't change their grades and effort scores for the last half term, they can look ahead to Christmas, when we will collect data again. At this point we will hold a celebration event for each year group and pupils with the best effort scores will be invited.

**Year 11 Pie night and Post 16 Open evening**

On Thursday 9 November from 5.30pm - 7.30pm we will be holding an information evening for all students in Year 11. You and your child are invited to come to the academy, eat some food, hear about the support we will put in place to support Year 11 this year and discuss our Post 16 sixth form courses. There will also be a careers adviser on hand and our external providers such as colleges. We will be giving out stationery packs and lots of materials to help prepare for the final exams. I hope we will have a great turnout – last year almost every student came! Please complete the reply slip below if you are coming to Pie night in order for us to manage the catering.

Finally I would like to wish you all a safe and restful half term holiday. The academy opens again on Monday 6 November.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs A Rooney**  
**Principal**

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**Please return this reply slip to Student Services as soon as possible to help us manage the catering.**

Y11 Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending Pie night: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer