

Weekly info for parents/ carers 3 May 2024

Hello Everyone!

### **Library**

Teesdale School is a proud member of the North-East Leaning Trust family and I'm pleased to tell you that the Trust has allocated us a substantial sum to boost our library resources. We'll be consulting with students to find out which additional books they'd like to see in school. If you have any fiction books at home – suitable for 11 – 18 and in good condition - which you're no longer using, we'd be delighted to receive them for the benefit of all our students.

### **Uniform**

Most of our children are wearing our Teesdale uniform with pride (and looking very smart) and we'd like to thank you for your support with this. However, as the warmer days become more frequent, we're seeing a few interesting variations on coats(!), so, we'd like to remind you that hoodies and jumpers are not a replacement for a coat. All students must wear a blazer and tie and have their top button done up (unless they have a medical exemption). Other than a small set of studs in the lower earlobe no other jewellery is permitted, and trainers of any description are not allowed. We, and the Hub, have some items of donated uniform in good, clean condition, so please do let us know if you need any help with providing uniform for your child.

### **Phones**

Our local police liaison officer has been in school all week to deliver assemblies about cyber-bullying which students have reported to be very helpful as an extra layer of information on top of the ongoing programme of safeguarding which takes place in school.

Mobile phones can be a huge distraction for our students and that is why we ask for them to be turned off and out of sight during the whole time your children are on the school premises (including outside, at break and lunch and when they leave the school building the building at the end of the day). Misuse of mobile phones will result in the phone being confiscated so please reinforce this message at home to avoid this. If you need to contact your child during the day, the school office will gladly pass on any message to them. Similarly, if your child needs to contact you, they may call you from the school office or, in some circumstances, they may be given permission to use their mobile phone.

### **1000 points**

We told you last week that we had 9 students who had reached the 1000 positive points milestone. This has now gone up to 12 students. A superb achievement! You may also be interested to know that almost 60% of our students have more than 500 positive points. We are so proud to see all our students working hard, doing the right thing and being recognised and rewarded for their contribution to school life.

Have a great weekend,

Anna Cleckner, Headteacher