

THE WEY VALLEY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Period 6: Academic Excellence and Attendance Rewards

As you know we have a new shape to our school day this year. As well as our traditional five subject lessons per day we now also have Period 6 and I am writing to inform you about the arrangements for this session as well as how we also plan to use it to reward students for excellent attendance and punctuality.

WHAT DO STUDENTS DO IN PERIOD 6?

Some of the time is allowed for students to work on their homework and develop their independent learning skills. Whilst students will still bring work home we hope that this will support you as parents, as well as ensuring that all students are completing a good level of homework. This work in Period 6 will be done in silence.

Some students will, on some days, have specialist intervention in their academic subjects (this will be support for some and stretch and challenge for others) Some groups of students, for example those with SEN and Gifted and Talented sports girls and boys in years 7,8,9 and 10 might also have a weekly activity slot within period 6. We are also introducing a vocabulary building activity into Period 6 for years 7, 8 and 9 using Bedrock Learning materials.

THE FRIDAY ATTENDANCE AWARD

A student's attendance record has a massive impact on their GCSE outcomes. Punctuality and good attendance are key to success both at school and as we all know, in the world of work.

I would like to take this opportunity to impress upon parents the importance of getting students to school unless they are really very poorly. If they are feeling a bit unwell with for example, a cold, period pains etc. do send them in. Please be assured we WILL send a student home if they are not managing.

We already have some rewards and incentives for good attendance but we are extending this with the Period 6 Friday award.



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If a student has 100% attendance in a week and no lateness to any lessons then, on the following Friday they will have a school finish time of 2.35pm.

HOW WILL THIS WORK?

- Students who have 100% attendance and punctuality to every lesson on a given week will have a school day that ends at 2.35pm on the Friday of the following week. You will be informed on the previous Wednesday ,via your Gateway APP, if your child is having a finish time of 2.35pm on the following Friday. (Please contact Mrs Kepple on 817002 or by email at keppled@weyvalley.dorset.sch.uk if you have yet to sign up to the School GateWay APP – the process is very straightforward)
- Your child will also be told by their tutor.
- On the Friday your child will still go to their tutor room at the start of Period 6 (2.32pm) to register. They will then sign out on a sheet in the Gallery and then leave the building at approximately 2.35pm to come home.
- The school day will finish at 3.20pm on Friday for all students who have not attended all sessions punctually, have less than 100% attendance in the previous week or have a Senior Leadership Detention on that Friday (regardless of their previous week's attendance and punctuality)

WHAT IF I DO NOT WISH MY CHILD TO LEAVE EARLY ON A FRIDAY?

On receipt of this letter you need to inform us if you are NOT happy for your child to have a finish time of 2.35pm on the Friday where they are eligible. Please do so by WRITING to your child's tutor by Wednesday 3rd October 2018

WHEN WILL THE FRIDAY REWARD START?

The first Friday that students eligible for the reward will go home early on a Friday will be Friday 5th October 2019.

I hope that this letter gives you all the information that you need regarding Period 6 but please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any further questions.

Thank you for all that you do as parents to work with us to ensure the best outcomes for your children.

Warmest wishes,



Ms S Adams

Principal