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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Sutton Pledge

We are delighted to inform you that we are launching 'The Sutton Pledge' with our students this week.

'The Sutton Pledge' is an awards scheme through which students will be able to achieve Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards through accrual of points (9, 18, 27 or 36) for completion of a range of activities and experiences linked to character and 'soft skills'. Some of these activities will be able to be completed in school whilst others will need to be completed by students in their own time.

Examples of the pledges that students will complete:

- ✓ Always carry the right equipment and display a positive attitude to learning.
- ✓ Demonstrate independence by washing and ironing your school uniform OR by polishing your school shoes.
- ✓ Keep a sleep, exercise or healthy eating diary to evaluate and improve your lifestyle choices.
- ✓ Take part in fundraising for a charitable event.
- ✓ Regularly help family members with daily chores.
- ✓ Visit one of the world's 32 cultural heritage sites that are located in the UK.

As you can see, there are a range of activities closely linked to the elements of the Sutton Way. The above list is just a sample of what is contained within the pledges and students will be able to plan their own journey to completion. The activities are designed to support their academic achievement but also to help develop their wider skills and attributes in order to fully prepare them for their future lives – skills of independence, speaking in front of an audience, influencing events in the local community, gaining employability skills and healthy living, for example.

Students will be presented with certificates and pin badges as they complete each award. Their progress is tracked via an online platform where they can also register activities that they have completed:

Website: https://www.pupilrewardpoints.co.uk/ATT_sutton/

All students have received log in details but just to remind them, the first time they log in:

Username: surname and first initial e.g. smithj

Password: surname and first initial e.g. smithj (after first log in, they will be asked to change their password).

Students are able to update their pledge record as they complete tasks. They simply need to ask their tutor (or relevant member of staff) to validate their evidence. Teachers are also able to award students an activity if it is completed within school.

At this stage there is no parental access to the platform as with Class Charts but you can still monitor how they are doing through asking them to log in and show you their progress. You can also look through the variety of pledges together and complete some as a family if you so choose.

At Sutton Community Academy, we are passionate about giving our students the opportunity to flourish and to be able to leave the Academy at the end of their journey here ***Able and Qualified***. 'The Sutton Pledge' is a significant initiative in helping them to achieve this goal.

As with everything we do at SCA, your support is crucial to our students' success and we look forward to seeing the progress being made towards these pledges and being able to present these awards as they are completed.

If you have any questions about this initiative, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy.

Yours sincerely,

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