

Tanfield Lea Road
Stanley
Co. Durham
DH9 8AY

TANFIELD SCHOOL

Specialist College of Science and Engineering



Tel. 01207 232881
Fax. 01207 282922

Headteacher
Mr S Clough BSC Hons. NPQH

Our ref SC/JD

17th October 17

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this half term. The new behaviour policy has ensured that there has been a calm and purposeful learning environment around the school.

I am pleased to report that over that time, the number of positives that students have received has continued to rise, and the number of negatives has decreased. We currently have a ratio of 91% positives to 9% negatives, which is a fantastic achievement from our students.

However, I have been conscious that students were fully aware of the consequences to receiving negatives in lessons but less aware of what the consequences were of receiving positives. In a recent survey, 77% of students said that they weren't happy with the rewards in school and the most popular thing they would like to see as a reward for their positive points is an end of term praise and rewards celebration.

Therefore, I have been working with staff to change the rewarding system. Attached is the list of things students can do to receive praise in school. We have established three tiers of rewards: expected, exceeding and exceptional. We have also taken feedback from students about the type of rewards they would like to participate in.

On the Tuesday of the last week of the autumn term, students who have:

- received 200 positive praise points,
- a ratio of 75% positive to 25% negative (or better) and
- at least 95% attendance,

will be eligible to choose which of the rewards on the list they would like to do for an afternoon. All students are still capable of achieving this threshold with a positive mindset next half term.

Once again, thanks for your support and I look forward to celebrating the achievements of our students next half term.

Yours faithfully,



Mr S Clough
Headteacher