



Mildenhall College
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Parents In The Know

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 1st edition of the year of 'Parents in the Know'. A half termly e-newsletter giving top tips for parents and carers to support your child at Mildenhall College Academy.



The safety of our students on the way to and from the academy is of high priority. Please can you ask your child to

be aware of their surroundings and to concentrate when they are crossing the road. We have contacted Suffolk Police to ask them to support students on their journeys into the academy. Our Year 11 students will be undergoing a road safety presentation delivered by Suffolk Police and Fire Service which they will be sharing with their tutor groups. There will also be assemblies delivered to all students about the importance of road safety.

BBC
Children
in Need

We will be holding a non uniform day on **Friday 18th November** in support of Children in Need.

£1 donation to wear non-uniform



Important dates:

Wednesday 2nd November – Year 8 learning conversations begin

Thursday 3rd November – Sixth form open evening 6:30-9:00pm at MCA6.

Monday 7th November – Year 11 mocks begin for 2 weeks.

Friday 18th November – Children in Need charity day.

Thursday 1st December - Carol Concert 7:00pm the Octagon

Tuesday 6th December – Year 9 parents evening 5:00-8:00pm.

Wednesday 14th December – Year 11 taster day at MCA6 or WSC.

Tuesday 20th December – End of term.

ACE Commendations replace ACE points

Your child may have told you about the changes to the ACE point system. No longer will staff be issuing ACE points but instead they will issue ACE Commendations. These commendations focus on various attributes including:

- outstanding attitude to lessons,
- outstanding presentation of work,
- outstanding progress in lessons, service to the academy to name but a few. These new commendations are more difficult to achieve but are worth more money: 25p, which can be exchanged into vouchers at the end of term.

Email Us!

We would love to hear about how you help to support your children with their studies. Please share any tips or advice that you have and we can print them in the next edition. If you have any suggestions of what information you would like to see in this newsletter, please contact us at:

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What is a learning conversation (LC)?

A LC is a meeting with a student and a member of staff regarding the child's progress within the academy. It looks to establish what the student is currently doing well and what their main targets should be to address any areas of underperformance. Every student will have at least one LC a year with other students having more if they need additional support. Usually the member of staff will contact home stating what they discussed with the student.

Book in the Bag

Every student should have suitable reading material in their bags. It can include books or magazines and if your child is in Year 7 or 8 they will spend the first 10 minutes of lesson 5 every day silent reading.