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Dear Parents/Carers,

At Seaford Head School, we know that being in school matters. Regular attendance helps young people build friendships, develop confidence, feel a sense of belonging and make the most of the opportunities available to them.

We also recognise that attending school is not always easy for every young person. Some students face challenges relating to their wellbeing, health, additional needs or personal circumstances that can make coming to school more difficult. For these students and their families, improving attendance can represent an enormous achievement, and we want to make sure that this effort is recognised and celebrated.

We are therefore delighted to share our KS3 Attendance Awards, designed to celebrate not only excellent attendance but also the determination, resilience and progress shown by students who are working hard to attend more regularly. Every improvement matters, and progress is just as worthy of recognition as consistently high attendance.

Throughout the year, our KS3 students will have opportunities to receive a range of awards and rewards, including:

- Half-Termly Attendance Champions: Tutor groups achieving the highest attendance or making the greatest improvement will be celebrated with rewards including pizza, popcorn, drinks, bonus House Points and Golden Tickets.
- Weekly Attendance League: Tutor groups will work together to improve their attendance, with weekly celebrations and recognition in assemblies.
- Individual Half-Termly Awards: Students achieving 100% attendance, alongside those demonstrating significant improvements in their attendance, will receive recognition and Achievement Points.
- Termly Attendance Draw: Students achieving 100% attendance during the term will have the opportunity to win rewards, including a Golden Ticket, hot chocolate breakfast or queue jump pass.
- Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards: Students achieving excellent attendance across the year will receive certificates and recognition, with a special celebration for those achieving 100% attendance throughout the year.

Our approach is not about comparing students or overlooking the challenges some families face. It is about encouraging positive habits, recognising individual circumstances and celebrating the steps each young person takes towards improved attendance.

We will continue to work closely with families where attendance is a challenge, recognising that encouragement, understanding and the right support are essential in helping students feel safe and successful at school.

Our wonderful Year 7 & 8 students are thoughtful, kind and resilient and deserve to be recognised for this!

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Kind regards

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