



National Thank a Teacher Day

Wednesday 20th May was National Thank a Teacher Day, and our staff have received some lovely comments from their students:

"I just want to say thank you to Miss Griffith for being my teacher for three years and being the person that I can always go to. I really appreciate you and I always will."

"I just wanted to say a massive thank you to all the staff at Health Futures UTC for supporting me to always try and achieve the best that I can even though these difficult times."

"There's no way I could thank just one teacher. So many have helped me through my time in education which has sadly been cut short. So many of my teachers have felt like family, friends and counsellors over the years. My teachers mean a lot more to me than words could ever say."

Supporting our Key Workers

We are very lucky to be able to work with the West Midlands Ambulance Service team during term time for our school projects.

To show our appreciation, Miss Foo delivered some pizzas to their HQ and also to their 111 call centre in Brierley Hill to say a big thank you.



New Reward System Competition

One of the areas we are developing for the next academic year is a new whole school reward system separate to the rewards we already have in place, linked to our current achievement points system and also to our Professional Conduct Guidelines and Care Values.

As this reward system could benefit all students, it's important to include them in the decision process, and so we're running a competition for students to offer their input into the design of the system.

Students have been invited to submit their ideas by Monday 8th June, and the winners will be announced the following week.

The winning idea or ideas will be launched during the Autumn Term of 2020.



Student Leadership Roles

This week we interviewed via Microsoft Teams for our head student roles. We were thrilled with the number and quality of applications and the students we interviewed took a very professional approach and prepared well. They were all able to cite examples of showing leadership through our employer projects. Deliberations were long and challenging but in the end the following students were appointed:

- *Head Student: Sharanpreet Gill*
- *Deputy Head Student: Uzma Ali*
- *Head Girl - Key Stage 4 - Alicia Nightingale*
- *Head Boy - Key Stage 4 - Will Baldwin*

Other leadership roles were given to the following students:

- *Manpreet Kaur - Student Leader Key Stage 5 - Student Welfare*
- *India Atwal - Sports Ambassador*
- *Michaela Watson - Student Leader - Clinical Skills*
- *Ciara Mortlock - Student Leader Key Stage 4 - Student Welfare.*

Our next task will be to appoint for positions in our ward.

Congratulations all!

COVID-19 Update

As already communicated to parents, school will reopen for some additional students from Monday 1st June. We are hoping to extend this to all students from Monday 15th June.

We have worked hard to implement measures to make the school safe, with social distancing and hygiene measures in place, and the school day has been shortened to avoid peak public transport travel times.