

Expectations and Standards Update November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will be aware that we began work last year on our approach to Behaviour for Learning with an external company called Pivotal Education. Pivotal Education is an educational training consultancy working across the whole of the UK and internationally, and we have been excited to be working in partnership with them on our improvement journey. Following our OFSTED monitoring visit earlier this term which highlighted the “**phenomenal change**” there has been in behaviour at The Edge over the last year, we wanted to provide with you a further update on our progress, expectations and standards.

We recently received a return visit from one of Pivotal’s lead trainers who completed a full day’s review with us and fed back on our progress. There were a huge number of positive outcomes seen; the report states that “there have been significant improvements in a number of areas and many of the changes that have been made are to do with the culture of the school – for example the mantra that I saw consistently throughout the day was that of adults being ‘relentlessly reasonable’” and “there is more of a community feel, a family, from when I visited last time”. Key points we are very pleased with included “students were able to talk about the improvements....they echoed the view that the school felt more like a community” and “the corridors during the day and at break and lunchtime felt totally different, it was a much calmer and more positive culture...due to the climate being calmer and more purposeful, it means that where there are issues, young people settle back down.”

We are delighted to see our students consistently displaying “respectful” behaviour as we continue to embed our new “**Safe, Ready, Respectful**” ethos. As well as our continued focus on the importance of “respectful” language and “respect for school facilities and equipment”, we have been working extensively with students on “respect for their health and the health of others” and “respect for the law” with regard to smoking and vaping.

You will be already be aware that any students who attempt to smoke on school premises will be subject to the full-range of sanctions detailed in our behaviour policy, which may include fixed-term exclusion. PLEASE NOTE that this also refers to all school-related activities such as trips/visits/enrichment activities whilst in supervision of Edge staff during the course of school hours. Our safeguarding team will as always be available in school to offer help and support to students who have any particular questions or anxieties regarding smoking.

If you have any further questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me directly at adam.smith@theedgeacademy.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Smith', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Adam Smith

Vice Principal