

BCA/DSP

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This academic year we are pleased be re launching our Pledges program for students in Year 7 and Year 8. This programme provides a wonderful opportunity for students to engage in a variety of events and activities both inside and outside of our academy, earning Pledges as they go.

There are 10 Pledges in total, each representing an aspect of cultural capital that we value dearly at Darton Academy. By completing these Pledges, students can qualify for a special rewards event at the end of the year. This system not only motivates students to achieve but also helps them contribute to the school's ethos and their wider community whilst developing their confidence and understanding of the world they live in.

There are ten Pledges available to complete:

1. Regular attendance at an enrichment, activity or club throughout the academic year.
2. Represent the Academy in either a sporting, cultural, or academic event.
3. Take part in an Academy production or event either on stage, behind the scenes, or in an administrative capacity.
4. Take part in a formal presentation to an audience.
5. Be actively involved in an international experience, either within the Academy, UK or abroad.
6. Contribute to a major charity event or organisation within the community.
7. Be actively involved in some sort of community experience, within or beyond the Academy.
8. Contribute to the Academy.
9. Attend a national sporting, cultural event or performance at a major venue.
10. Take part in a residential experience.

Students have been introduced to the Pledges rewards system in an assembly, along with there being dedicated tutor time sessions based on their Pledges progress. Every half term students will have a focus Pledge, where as an academy we will provide students with opportunities to meet their Pledges. Last half term, many students successfully completed Pledge 6 by bringing in donations to our Christmas Charity appeal, supporting those facing adversity around Christmas.

This half term we will be focusing on Pledge 7 of being actively involved in a community group/experience. We ask if your child is part of a local community group or experience to bring in evidence of this to their form tutor so this pledge can be met. If they are not, we will provide them with information about local community groups and sports team they may be interested in joining.

For more information, please visit the Pledges page on our website or contact us via email at info@dartonacademy.org.uk, marking your message for the attention of Miss Cashmore. We kindly



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ask that you encourage your child to participate in this exciting opportunity as they begin their journey with the Pledges this year.

Kind regards,

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