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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to introduce our Pledges initiative to this year's Year 8 students. 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
2. Represent the Academy in either a sporting, cultural, or academic event
3. Take part in a residential experience
4. Attend a national sporting, cultural event or performance at a major venue
5. Take part in an Academy production or event either on stage, behind the scenes, or in an administrative capacity
6. Take part in a formal presentation to an audience
7. Be actively involved in an international experience, either within the Academy, UK or abroad
8. Be actively involved in some sort of community experience, within or beyond the Academy
9. Help plan, organise, or participate in a major fundraising event
10. Contribute to the Academy

Students will be introduced to the Pledges Rewards System through an assembly and a dedicated Tutor Time session. To further support their understanding and engagement, we will also have a lunchtime stall where students can ask questions and learn more about the goals and benefits of the Pledges.

The Pledges initiative will officially launch at the start of the second half-term. 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 L. Hart.

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss L Hart