



26th February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Standards and Expectations- Alton Towers Reward

We have a fantastic opportunity for your child to attend a Summer rewards trip taking place on Wednesday 10th July. This is a new incentive we are introducing solely for Year 10 children. Prior to work experience placements commencing it is important that we recognise the hard work and dedication of our children who strive daily to demonstrate our core values; Family, Faith and Excellence. The trip will be running to Alton Towers Resort on Wednesday 10th July and is subject to your child ensuring they maintain the high standards demonstrated during term one of the 2023/24 school year.

To ensure your child's eligibility for these trips, we would like to remind you of our school's standards and expectations concerning behaviour, uniform, attendance and punctuality. This is not just about earning a reward, but about creating a positive learning environment for everyone.

If there is an issue raised around our standards and expectations I will provide your child with a "Passport to Alton Towers" report card. It is then your child's responsibility to ensure that they do not receive a strike on their report as three strikes will result in them losing their place on the trip. How you can support your child:

- **Maintain the very highest standards of behaviour:** We expect all children to treat each other, teachers, and staff with respect and courtesy. This includes adhering to school rules, avoiding disruptive behaviour, and upholding our school's values. Any behaviour that results in a C4, C5 or C6 will result in a strike
- **Follow the school uniform policy at all times:** Wearing the correct school uniform with pride promotes a sense of belonging and fosters a positive learning environment. Persistent uniform infringements will result in a strike
- **Maintain the highest standards of attendance where possible:** Regular attendance is crucial for academic success and overall involvement in school life. Your child needs to maintain 95% attendance or above from 26th February to 9th July 2024 or they will not be eligible to attend the trip
- **Be on time to school and punctual to all lessons:** Starting the day right sets a positive tone and allows your child to participate fully from the beginning. Any child late to school or lessons without a genuine reason will receive a strike

By upholding these standards and expectations, your child creates a strong foundation for their academic journey and sets themselves up for exciting opportunities like the Alton Tower trip. We understand that unforeseen circumstances may arise, and we encourage open communication regarding any challenges your child faces.

Alton Towers reward trip selection criteria above will be at the discretion of the Senior Leadership Team and Head of Year. For your reference, the school website provides detailed information on our [behaviour policy](#), [uniform guidelines](#), [attendance procedures](#). Please note, any child that has been suspended either internally or externally from school may not be able to attend any non-curricular trips, visits or events within that academic year. This will be at the discretion of the Headteacher.



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We value your partnership in ensuring a successful and rewarding school year for your child. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's Form tutor if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully

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Head of Year 10