



Dear Parents/Carers

25<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### **iASPIRE Launch November 2024**

We are pleased to announce the launch of iASPIRE at Denton Community College

### **What is iASPIRE?**

The iASPIRE system highlights the importance of developing skills outside of the classroom. It is something that will help students gain and improve skills that they can talk to colleges and employers about. iASPIRE challenges will help students develop Cultural Capital and help them succeed in life after secondary school.

There will be 10 iASPIRE challenges for students to complete.

### **How will it work?**

Once a week, we will have an 'iASPIRE Day'. This will be on a Monday.

During this day, students can show evidence that they have completed iASPIRE challenges. These are examples of the types of evidence students will need to achieve an iASPIRE challenge:

- Signed note from a parent/carer
- Email from a parent/carer
- A picture
- A certificate
- A teacher comment in a student planner or email

A sticker will be placed in the student's passport and recorded centrally. This will stay with the student throughout their time at school.

In addition, once a half term we will celebrate student achievements as an Academy.

Students that have completed enough challenges to receive an iASPIRE badge will be celebrated and given a certificate and a badge to wear proudly around the Academy.

Particularly impressive achievements will be shared as part of the celebration and students may even choose to speak and share their successes themselves.

The names of these students will be displayed for the whole Academy to see and will be included in the newsletter.

**Bronze badge - Completion of 4 challenges.**

**Silver badge - Completion of 6 challenges.**

**Gold badge - Completion of 8 challenges.**

**Platinum badge - Completion of 10 challenges.**

At the end of terms one and two, all students who have achieved their platinum badge will be invited to an 'E1 star student' style celebration, where they will be served cakes and treats. and have the chance to chat with the Senior Leadership Team about their achievements.

At the end of term three, all platinum students will go into a prize draw, where the winner will receive something special.

We are incredibly excited to launch iASPIRE here at Denton Community College and we hope we can rely on your support to ensure our students get the very best out of this fantastic opportunity. Further information on specific iASPIRE Challenges can be found in the passport your child will be provided with in the week commencing 2nd December.

Should you have any questions regarding iASPIRE, please do not hesitate to contact the school through the usual channels.

Yours sincerely

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