



21 September 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

I am aware talking to students and parents there is some confusion around our new security fencing and hope that this communication clarifies some of the key misconceptions.

As you know the campus was originally two distinct schools and as such they never had a typical perimeter fence that would ordinarily be found in schools designed as one entity. This has meant that the campus has been significantly more accessible than the vast majority of schools in the country and had been a safeguarding concern for some time, but the costs were prohibitive. The works are primarily to resolve this safeguarding issue and address the following issues to:

- Students being able to leave campus without anyone knowing at any time
- Fire safety linked to not having a true picture of who is on campus, especially P16
- Vandalism to the school site at weekends
- Members of the public accessing the school site during the school day
- In response to Student and Parent Voice that highlighted their concerns around our campus access.

When completed the fencing will essentially create a secure capsule within the larger campus and will allow controlled access points via intercom or swipe card. This means only people with permission will be able to access or leave the site and vastly improve the safeguarding of our students and staff.

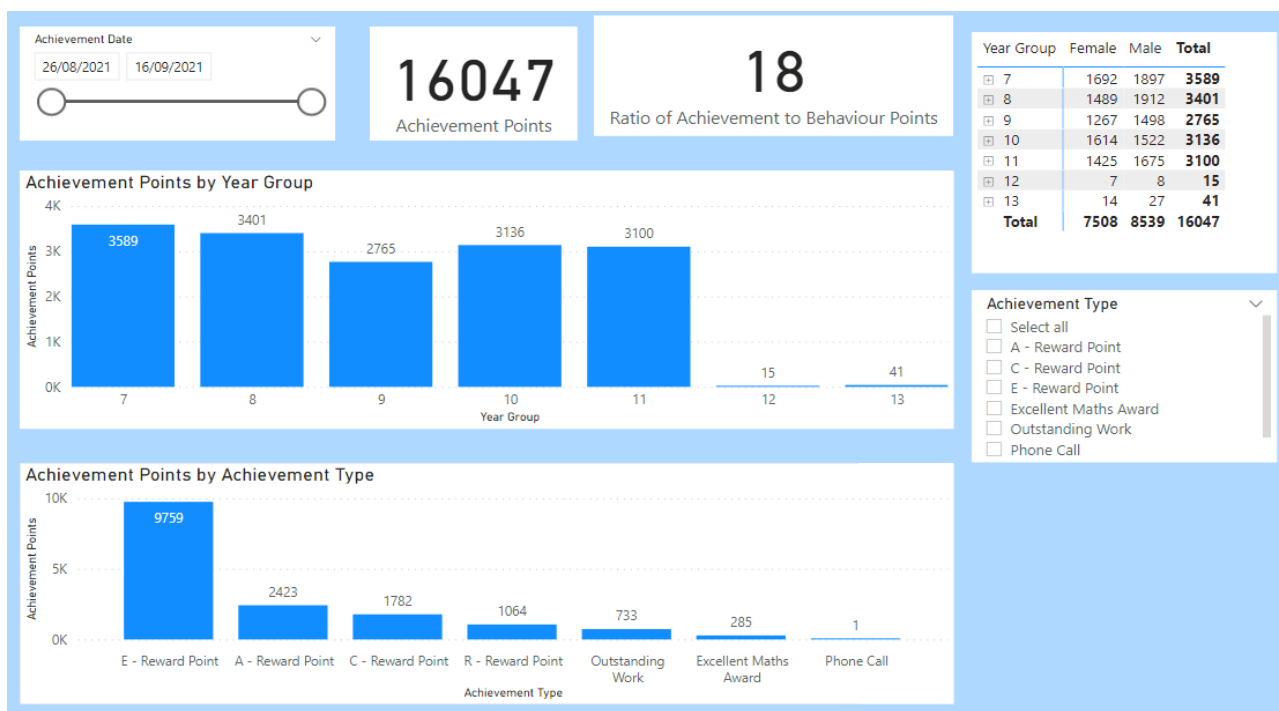
In an ideal world we would have fenced the entire perimeter of the campus but this would have cost over £500,000, so the solution in place is the most cost effective and utilises as much of the original perimeter fencing as possible.

Students will continue to have access to the whole campus as they did before including the fields, which are accessed by internal gates that will be unlocked at break and lunch times. As before the only times the fields will not be accessible is during the winter months when they have typically been out of bounds for the delivery of PE.

I hope this resolves any questions you may have and explains the rationale behind this development.

## **Rewards**

I am delighted to share that our Rewards 1st culture has seen a marked increase in students being recognised for the positive things they achieve within class and across the campus. The figures are significantly higher than previous years and especially at Key Stage 4. There are further rewards planned in the coming term linked to our core values.



### COVID 19 Update

We stated that we would aim to share the cases of COVID 19 on our campus each week and I am pleased to share that last week saw fewer cases. With the introduction of face coverings I hope we see a further decline in the coming weeks. The weekly summary is below.

Year Group	Wk 1 - 23 Aug	Wk 2 - 30 Aug	Wk 3 - 6 Sept	Wk 4 - 13 Sept
7	2	5	14	3
8	0	1	2	1
9	0	5	7	4
10	1	4	1	2
11	1	8	4	3
Post 16	1	6	1	0
Staff	0	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>13</b>

Please can I take this opportunity to thank those students who have worn face coverings this week and remind all parents and carers that the expectation is that they will be worn again this week across the campus in accordance with the PHE guidance that was issued.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher