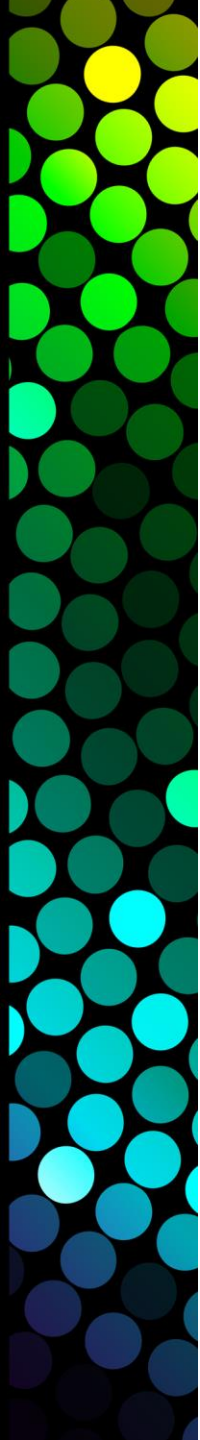


**WOOTTON
ACADEMY TRUST**

**New Intake Information Evening
Year 8 into 9**

April 2018



Choosing Wootton Academy Trust

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**Mr Michael Gleeson
Principal**

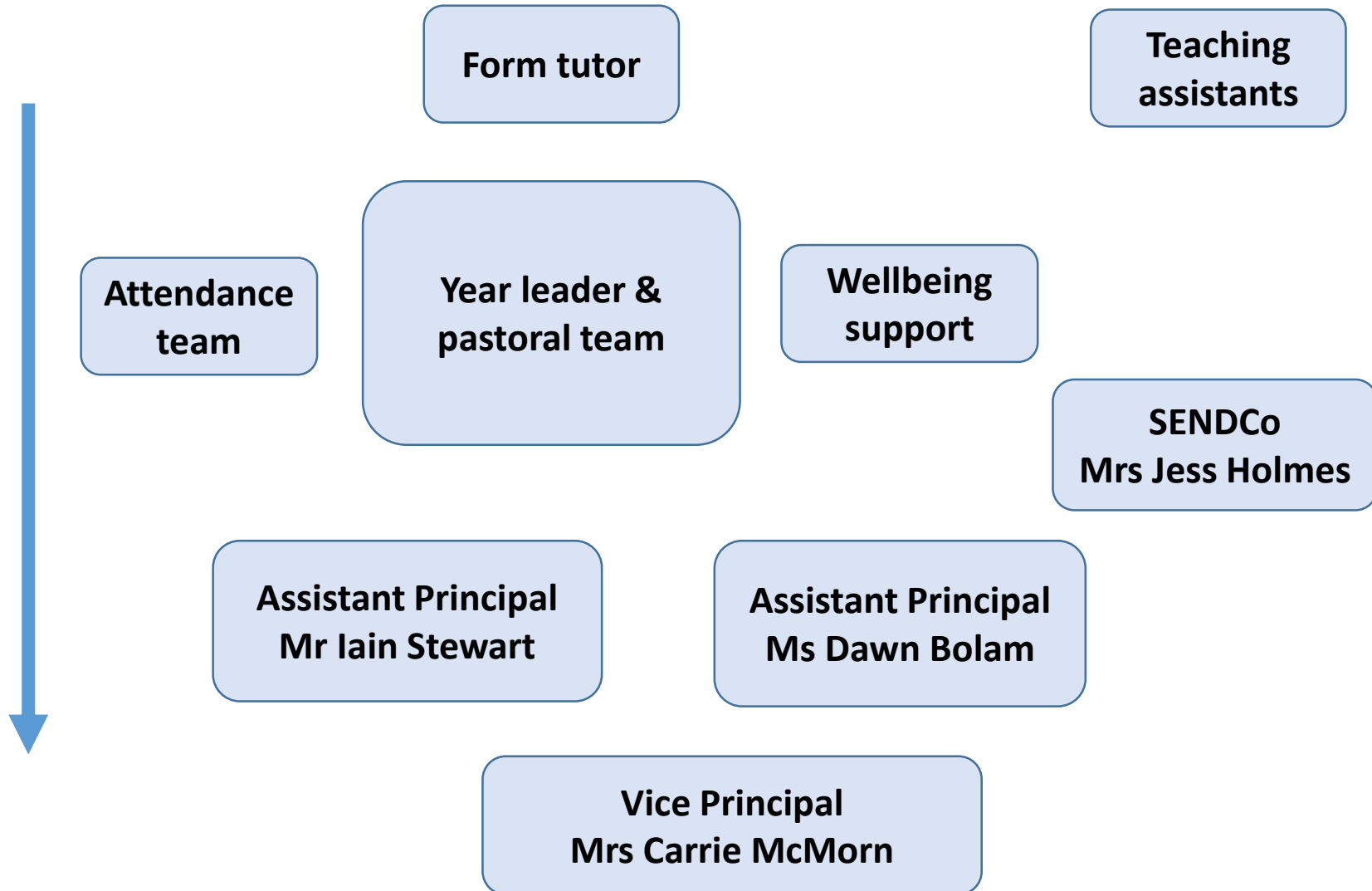
**Mr Simon Frazer
Vice Principal**

**Mrs Carrie McMorn
Vice Principal**

**Quality of teaching and learning
A broad and exciting curriculum
Options and exam choices
Academic interventions
High aspirations for all**

**Support, safety and wellbeing
Quality of behaviour for learning
Attendance
Student leadership
High aspirations for all**

Structures to support our pupils



SEND support

- If you have an additional need or a barrier to your learning you will be supported by the SEND team.
- You will have a key worker to help you throughout your time at Wootton and who will work with you closely to make sure all of your teachers know how they can help you learn in a way that works for you, using a personalised Pupil Profile Sheet.
- We work closely with parents/ carers and young people as well as staff and outside agencies to follow a graduated response to SEND which means all students should receive a level of support that is appropriate to them and that changes as the young person grows and develops throughout their time at Wootton.

Involvement in School Life

Wootton Upper School will provide you with a range of opportunities...

- Student Leadership Team
- Year and School Parliament
- Extra Curricular
- Trips and Visits
- Competitions and charities
- Form and year activities



Student Leadership Team

- We want students to have greater involvement in the leadership and management of the school.
- We want students to develop a sense of pride in their community and a sense of belonging in the school.
- We want students to develop the skills and expertise that will enable them to go and be the successful leaders of the future.

Senior School Leaders

Sports Leader

Community
Leader

Teaching and
Learning
Leader

Pastoral
Leader

Fundraising
Leader

Performing Arts
Leader

Social Leader

Media Leader

School Parliament

- The School Parliament is an elected body of students who represent the views of students
- Each year group has their own Year Parliament. There is a School Parliament with representatives from each year group.

The Parliament is active in:

- Working with teachers and school leaders to bring about positive change in the school
- Representing the views and ideas of students
- Organising charity and other fundraising events
- Supporting the school at a variety of events
- Meeting with school leaders to discuss policies and how the school is run

Examples of Extra Curricular

- Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme
 - Bronze, Silver and Gold
- Public Speaking
- Student/Community Leadership
- Reading Club and Library
- ICT
- Yoga
- Self defence
- Sports
 - Rugby, Football, Basketball, Athletics, Cricket, Netball, Hockey, Dodgeball.
- Performing Arts
 - Dance, Music, Drama, Plays and Musicals.
- Latin Dance
- Fitness

Examples of Trips and Visits

- Drama/English: Theatre visits- Milton Keynes and London
- Geography: Luton, Cromer and Iceland
- PE: Wembley Stadium, Snowzone, Swimming Galas
- Science: Marston Vale Forest Centre, Whipsnade Zoo, CERN Geneva
- IT: National Museum of Computing, Raspberry Pi Workshop
- History: Berlin, Imperial War Museum, Belgium and France
- Languages: Cologne Christmas Markets, language exchanges in France, Germany and Spain.
- Art: Cecil Higgins Gallery
- Maths: Regional Maths Challenges
- Textiles: Clothes Show
- Personal Development: Remembrance Day, Team building
- Reward: Disneyland Paris and Thorpe Park

Support available

- Early Help Officer – Mrs Farrant, supported by Mrs Macmillan
- Melinda James – School Nurse
- David Jessop – Life Coach
- Mrs Phillips – School Counsellor (confidential service)
- Brook clinic every Friday lunchtime
- Early Help Teams from Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire
- A range of other agencies
- Tutor and Year Leader
- Pastoral support officers
- Mrs Thomas and Mrs Perchinelli – Attendance officers
- Mr Spratt and Mrs Death – Student Centre North
- SEND team – Mrs Holmes, Mrs Cross and the teaching assistant team in Student Centre South

An excellent Wootton Upper School student:

We asked our students how they would describe a Wootton student and this is what they said...

- “a student who has at least 96% attendance”
- “a student who always wears the correct school uniform”
- “a student who is polite and kind to staff and other students”
- “a student who helps others and supports the local community”
- “a student who is respectful of others”
- “a student who is a good role model for other students”
- “a student who is confident in themselves”
- “a student who always tries hard and does their best”
- “a student who always completes homework”

Rewards

- 😊 Well done!
- 100% Attendance
 - Every fortnight
 - Every half-term
 - At the end of the academic year
- Commendations.....
 - Emailed to parents/carers and students when issued
 - Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum
- Awards Evening
 - Celebration of Year 9 Progress and Attainment
- Celebrating Success Assemblies
- Star of the Week
 - To be chosen within each Tutor Group

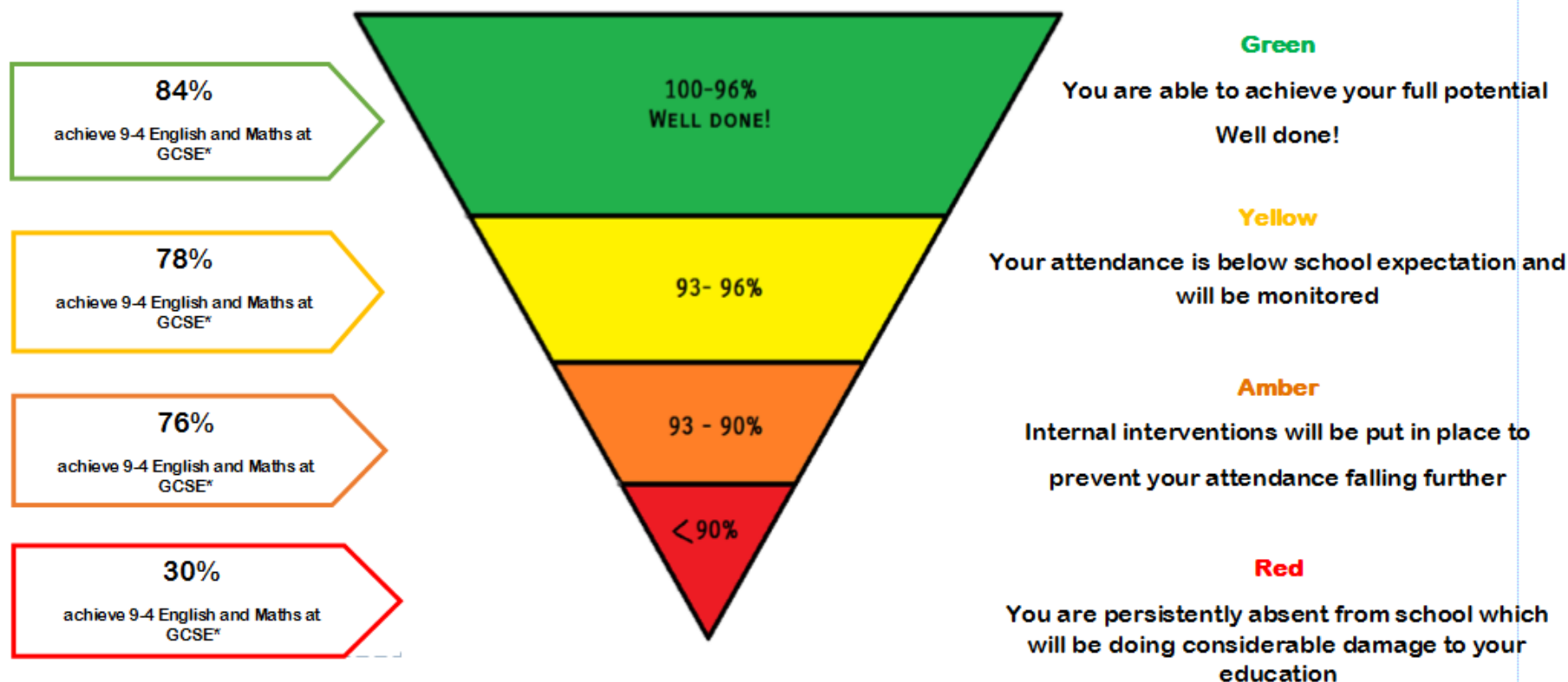
Consequences

- In the unlikely event that your son or daughter does not meet the standards that you and we expect of them (normally homework related issues!) we will endeavour to work with you and your son/daughter to rectify the issue
- We will let you know about most issues via email (in a similar way to how we let you know about Commendations being issued)
- It is our belief that when we work closely in partnership together with parents/carers and students most issues can be resolved quickly and with a positive outcome

Attendance- Pursuing Excellence

- Most of our students have superb attendance records and understand the importance of excellent attendance on:
 - Academic Progress
 - Academic Attainment
 - Applications for Sixth Form (75% of our incoming Year 9 are likely to attend Kimberley College)
 - Applications for apprenticeships
- Our target for all incoming students is 96%
- If Attendance becomes a concern our Attendance Team will contact you to discuss how we can best support your son/daughter

Wootton Academy expects your attendance to stay above 96%



based on 2016/17 GCSE results at Wootton Upper School

Attend to Achieve Everyday counts!

School Uniform- Pursuing Excellence

- All students should wear black school shoes, not trainers



School Uniform- Pursuing Excellence

- Black trousers, not jeans or leggings/jeggings
- Jeans and leggings do not look “professional”



School Uniform- Pursuing Excellence

- White shirts, not white polo shirts.
- The school blazer must be worn at all times.
- The school jumper is optional.
- The school tie should be worn by all students



School Uniform- Pursuing Excellence

The following is what our School Parliament have requested on behalf of our students:

- One pair of stud earrings
- One ring
- One necklace
- One bracelet
- No facial piercings whatsoever
- Hairstyles should not represent 'extremes of fashion', have lines or patterns shaved or be overly short. Hair should be of a natural colour.

School Uniform- Pursuing Excellence

The following items can be purchased online...

- Black trousers
- Ties
- Jumper
- Blazer
- PE kit

Mobile Telephones:

- Mobile telephones should not be used and must not be visible at any point during the school day.
- On the rare occasions when we see a mobile telephone, students are required to hand them in to the Attendance Office, from where they can collect them at the end of the day.

General Administration...

- In the information pack provided you will find details about...
 - How our cashless catering, printing and library systems work
 - How to order Wootton Upper School uniform
- Please complete the Personal Information Form
- Please sign to say that you have read and understood the key policies. These are included in the information packs provided.

Two final points...

1. Thank you for your time this evening
2. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, questions or queries please e-mail:

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