

1st March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you in order to clarify the celebration assembly schedule. Each year group has a dedicated assembly in which we celebrate the students who are showing excellence and effort. We recognise both of these, as a student might not necessarily be the best in a subject – but we encourage students to show effort and we think they should be just as acknowledged for this.

Please remind your child of their dedicated assembly day and time, and encourage them for a nomination in any of the categories.

- Monday 25th March - Year 11 - Assembly into P1
- Tuesday 26th March - Year 10 - Assembly into P1
- Thursday 28th March - Year 8 - Assembly into P1
- Thursday 28th March – Year 9 – P4
- Thursday 28th March – Year 7 - P5

Ways to be Nominated

- ✓ 10 x Form Tutor Awards – Every form tutor will nominate someone from their form for an award; and read out in assembly why they have picked this student. They will each receive a chocolate egg as prize
- ✓ 26 x Subject Awards - (13 Subjects x 2) for Effort & Attainment – Each winner will receive a certificate to bring home and a Cadbury's Creme Egg. Currently teachers in each department are being asked to nominate a student to celebrate attainment/achievement and effort. There are many different areas that your child could be nominated for an award.
- ✓ 5 x VALUES winners – highest Genuine, Respect, Excellence, Achieve and Together points scored. We think any student who scores the most GREAT points in any category deserves to be recognised with an Easter Egg to say well done.
- ✓ Superstar Award - 1 x HOY, 1 x YM award – Your child's Head of Year and Year Manager will each nominate their Spring Time superstar award, and write up a paragraph to explain why they've picked this student and read it out in the assembly. Both Superstar's will receive a £10 Love2Shop voucher.

If your child wasn't one of the lucky students to be nominated for one of the potential 43 awards there is still a chance to be recognised for doing the right thing every day.

We recognise that students who do come to school on time, do what is asked of them, are engaged and hard working need to be recognised. All students in every year group have the opportunity to earn a tube of Cadbury's Mini Eggs.

GREAT PRIZE GIVEAWAY

If your child fulfils the criteria shown on the slide they will come home with a tube of mini-eggs (let's be honest as if they are making it home!). We wanted to write home to let you know this takes place as we recognise that sometimes your child won't always tell you all the things we do to recognise GREAT students.

Great Academy Ashton
Inspiring Greatness

RANDOM.ORG - True Random Number Service

IF ...

- No more than 2 central corrections
- No more than 3 lates to school
- No more than 3 lates to lesson
- No compliance classroom
- No internal / external truancy
- No more than 1 mobile phone log
- No internal isolation
- No behaviour placement
- No suspension

1st March - 22nd March 2023
ALL Students: receive an end of term present

HAPPY EASTER

THE GREAT PRIZE DRAW

Every child earns GREAT points at school for following our school values.

- ✓ Genuine
- ✓ Respect
- ✓ Excellence
- ✓ Achieve
- ✓ Together

Each of these GREAT points from 1st March – 22nd March will be converted into raffle ticket numbers and in the assembly your child has the chance to win a prize. The more GREAT points they earn the better chance they have of winning a prize. We use a random number generator at the end of the Celebration Assembly to award the prizes. Each Year Group is given £300 to spend; Bluetooth speakers, headphones, cinema tickets, treat boxes, pamper sets, bowling tickets etc...

As you'll appreciate there are so many opportunities for your child to be recognised and also rewarded at Great Academy. I'll go back to my initial statement that we pride ourselves on ensuring students are listened to, and that students are fully aware of why we appreciate them. We are ensuring every time we award we tell students why. This is all part of our long-term vision of recognition.

Finally, a thank you from myself for all the support you give us in school. When teachers, students and parents work so collaboratively together it makes a huge difference. I hope that you are pleasantly surprised as to how much we do to celebrate your children. We are absolutely passionate about ensuring students who get it right every day deserve to be noticed.

Have a wonderful Easter break.

Kind regards

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