

Dear Parent/Carer

We have enjoyed welcoming the students back after the summer break and just wanted to send this quick reminder of what the ACE Programme is -

WHAT IS ACE?

The aim of the project is to work closely with students and families to ensure that we are helping our students to overcome any barriers to their success in order to have the best life chances for the future. The project has been set up by TKAT and is designed to see what we can do to improve the life chances of our young people.

As part of this project you will be assigned an Ace Tutor who will be one of our Teaching Assistants or support staff in the school. ACE Tutors will aim to act as a champion to your child. We hope that in meeting your child on a fortnightly basis and catching up with parents with a fortnightly email or phone call, we can assist in resolving any issues with regards to equipment, learning, confidence, access to opportunities and planning life goals.

Staff have been appointed to this role because they have a passion for giving extra support to students, to solve 'life' barriers to learning and engagement. They will support students and their families in the following areas:

- School-related issues
- Issues with access to equipment
- Development opportunities
- Working with outside agencies

The role of the ACE Tutors is to be the advocate for students who may otherwise struggle but not have the confidence to discuss this with staff, students who may be struggling with accessing the resources they need to do well, or students who may just need someone to believe in them in the school setting.

We believe that this type of support is valuable because:

- · It provides bespoke support for students' individual needs
- · ACE Tutors can unpick student issues in the classroom and any barriers to learning
- · Targeted support can be arranged for students who need academic intervention
- · It means that support for students can be signposted before small issues develop into bigger issues.
- · It improves communication between parent and school

It can provide aspiration for students, who may not have had the chance to discuss their life goals in detail in school before

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or if we can provide support in any way.

Kind Regards

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