

# Rewarding Success

Year 7  
Information Sheet  
Week 4

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September



Penwortham Girls'  
High School

## Introduction:

At Penwortham Girls' High School, we have many ways to celebrate PGHS successes as we believe that girls who achieve and succeed should be rewarded. In this information sheet, we hope to provide you with information on our merit system, Head's Breakfast, Head's Commendations and our Passport to Success. We also enjoy hearing about successes outside of school too. We celebrate these in our school newsletters whenever possible, so please do let us know.

Mrs Cattanach

## Head's Breakfast:

Usually, once a week, approximately 12 pupils are invited to join Mrs Pomeroy for breakfast. Pupils are nominated by staff for a variety of reasons which may include: making excellent progress, showing resilience when working through a problem or going that extra mile. The breakfast usually includes toast, crumpets and croissants, accompanied by fruit juice or a hot drink. Mrs Pomeroy always looks forward to this as it gives her the opportunity to meet pupils and congratulate them on their successes. Sadly, at the moment we are not able to run this as we have been able to in the past but Mrs Pomeroy is looking forward to celebrating the achievements of each form at the end of this half term during registration so that the pupils do not miss out.



## Head's Commendation:

Teachers also regularly nominate pupils to receive a Head's Commendation. Again, on a weekly basis, girls meet with Mrs Pomeroy to receive a certificate to recognise an exceptional piece of work. Examples of this work can be seen on the noticeboard in the main reception area.

## Merit Medals:

'Merit Medals' are given to pupils by teachers for many reasons. Girls are awarded merits which are then recorded on Class Charts. As the girls collect them and reach the recognised milestones, they must write this in their planner and inform their form tutor who will organise for the bronze, silver and gold certificates to be presented in assembly. The final accolade is the prestigious 'Ward Award'. Girls achieving this receive a special certificate and are invited to a rewards lunch at the end of the academic year. Girls who gain one of each merit achieve the 'Ramsdale's All Rounder' and again, are presented with a special certificate and invited to the rewards lunch.

## Passport to Success:

The PGHS '*Passport to Success*' is an important way pupils can gain recognition for their participation in the wide range of activities and events on offer throughout the school year. Pupils are encouraged to promote charities and causes that reflect our core values, promote health and wellbeing amongst our school community, read a range of books and texts, participate in creative activities and extend their learning through curriculum enrichment.

## Pay it forward:

Pupils also participate in our whole school '*Pay it Forward*' initiative. For each medal milestone a pupil reaches, pupils receive tokens which can then be used to vote on the local, national and international charities chosen by pupils at the beginning of the year. At the end of the school year the tokens are counted and converted into a charity donation, using money raised by pupils in the many charity events held during the year. At PGHS the hard work of our students not only helps our girls to achieve their goals, but it also supports those in challenging circumstances to meet theirs.