

10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very successful and enjoyable first week of term at TPA. Pupils and staff have given me a warm welcome despite the cold weather! I spoke with pupils on Tuesday morning about how exciting the next chapter is for us as a school, and how they can play their part in this. Thank you for supporting our pupils in being in school on time and with the correct uniform and equipment.

Already this week, TPA pupils have received over 9000 positive habit points. Congratulations to Year 8 in particular, who were our top-scoring year group for habit points this week. A key ingredient for success at TPA is resilience. When our pupils keep working on something they find difficult, we want to recognise them for this. Over 100 pupils have been awarded our special 'Be More Iguana' award badges to recognise them for their resilience. So, if your child has a green 'Be More Iguana' badge, ask them to explain about not giving up!

Our policy on mobile phones is 'see it, lose it'. This week, a small number of pupils needed to be reminded of this. As set out in our behaviour policy, if a pupil refuses to hand over their phone, they will be sent to the Removal Room. This may be straight away, or the following day. This is because we expect every pupil to follow the TPA Way, and our value of respect. That way, we spend as much time as possible helping every pupil to learn without disruption. Thank you for supporting the school's 'see it, lose it' policy.

I wanted to say a special 'well done' to Year 10 for completing their first set of mock exams. Pupils showed real maturity and determination in completing their exams. This is an important step in helping them to be ready for their real GCSE exams next year. Thank you Year 10!

Next week, Mrs Smith and I will continue to work together on the school's plans for the term. I look forward to sharing more about the next chapter as we go through the term.



Yours sincerely,



Mr Botting
Executive Principal and Regional Director (South)