



S1-3 VALUES CAMPAIGN – A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

26th February – 5th April
All S1, S2 and S3 classes



What is the values campaign ?

Now that we have agreed on our school values we will constantly be looking at ways of embedding them in day to day life of the school. For the remainder of this term we are going to focus on two of the values – Being the Best You Can and Respect and Integrity. Most of our students demonstrate these every day. We want to reward and recognise all of our students who show this and support and encourage all of our students to meet these values.

The Forfar 4

We want to make sure we are ensuring all of students contribute to a positive classroom learning environment that allows them to be the Best They Can. We have agreed on the “Forfar 4” – our expectations as to what should happen during every class. The Forfar 4 are :

1. Jackets & hoodies off
2. Mobile phones off and away
3. Stay in class or use a pass
4. Use respectful language

We have shared these at assemblies and all class teachers will be reminding pupils of them at the start of each lesson. They are also now displayed in every classroom.

Values Merits

We have introduced a new “values merit”. Each term we will focus on a different value and for the rest of this term we will focus on “Respect and Integrity” and in particular we want to reward all of those pupils who consistently use respectful language towards each other and school staff. In **every** lesson until the Easter holidays students will be awarded a Values Merit if they have used respectful language to staff and other students during the period. In assemblies we discussed respectful language being:

- No swearing
- No name calling
- Respectful tone

and students have been exploring this further in PSHE this week.

At the end of term we will total up the number of merits each student has been awarded for respectful language and students who meet the target number will receive a values certificate and a Respect values pin badge to wear on ties or school jumpers. Parents and carers will also be emailed a certificate to show that your child has consistently demonstrated this value.

What Can I Do to Support My Child with this campaign ?

The school values belong to the whole of the school community and we want to work as a team to support your children develop these important values. It would be very helpful if you could speak to your children about the importance of the Forfar 4 in providing the best environment for learning – for them and for their fellow students. You could also talk to them about the importance of respectful language and how this is important in school but also in the future in the work place. Finally you could ask them if they have received the Respect merit in their classes and encourage

them to keep going. Missing one merit doesn't mean they have blown it and they can still get back on track to get the award at the end of term.

Pupils will not lose out for being absent through illness or other authorised absences from school.

We are very grateful for your support as we continue to work together to make Forfar Academy the best school it can be.