

## The Dorcan Academy – Developing Character

### The Review

Term 1 saw our students focus on **personal responsibility**. We teach our students about the importance of being accountable for the actions which they have control over, to make wise choices. Students were taught about the value of attending school every day, punctuality and always being equipped for lessons. These are fundamental character traits needed to be successful not only at The Dorcan Academy, but when they enter the world of work. Alongside this year 7 were taught about how to use their knowledge organisers to support their Academic Prep and where they can go if they need support. Years 8 and 9 completed Focus Week where they reviewed their progress from last year and set themselves SMART targets to ensure they make better than expected progress. Year 10 created revision timetables making sure that they create positive habits, ensuring that they have the best chance in achieving amazing GCSE results. Finally, year 11 investigated strategies to support them in preparing and completing their Prelims, as well as, looking into barriers that are stopping them from achieving greatness.

### What can you do to support your child's character development?

**Encourage Responsibility:** Why not, if you haven't already, assign age-appropriate chores and responsibilities for your child to do at home. This will foster a sense of accountability, it teaches personal responsibility, and contributes to a strong work ethic. Possible chores could include vacuuming, taking the recycling and rubbish out, washing the dishes, weeding and gardening, taking care of pets (feeding, walking, cleaning), helping younger siblings with homework or school projects. We would encourage you **NOT** to pay them for completing these tasks.

#### Character award

**What can you do to support your child to complete The Dorcan Academy Character Award?**

**Gratitude** - Attend a local/national remembrance or commemorative service as a mark of respect with your child.

**Oracy** – Support and provide information to your child so that they can research your family tree and present it to their languages class.

**Culture** - Attend a local sports fixture as a spectator with your child.

### Character counter totals

**Osprey - 273**

**Falcon - 254**

**Eagle – 83**

**Kingfisher - 58**

Congratulations to Osprey House for winning the most counters in term 1.

### Character Award achievements

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the following sections from The Dorcan Academy Character Award

#### Gratitude

Ethan Arparicio -Bronze

Frankie Kirwan –  
Bronze

Ella Barrett - Bronze

#### The new character award

We have updated our Character award based on feedback from House and School Council. One of the main changes we made is how students track their progress in completing the award. This is now tracked in their link book. We have also added more activities that students can complete. These are linked to the students' lessons as well as whole school activities. Lastly, we have introduced more badges for students to achieve. In addition, every time they achieve a badge it will also be added to E-Praise as an accolade.

If you want to see what the Character award looks like, you will see it on the school website in the Character Award and Student Leadership section.

<https://www.dorcan.co.uk/students-and-parents/student-leadership/>