

## The Dorcan Academy – Developing Character Issue 2

### The Review

Term 2 saw our students focus on **Resilience** and **Courage**. At The Dorcan Academy we embrace failure. By failing it means that we are challenging ourselves so that we Aspire to Greatness. However, to embrace failure means our students need the **courage** to push themselves so they are not scared to fail and to pick themselves up when they do. Furthermore, they need to be able to view failure as a part of the learning process, alias dictus having a **growth mindset**. During this term our year 7 students looked at what it means to have a **growth mindset** and how to positively deal with failure. In year 8, students looked at how to overcome barriers and how to turn setbacks into opportunities. At the start of the term, our year 11s undertook their prelims, an important milestone in their journey towards completing their GCSEs. To support them they have been looking at how previous students used their prelims as an opportunity to reflect on their progress, and how they put plans of action together that enabled them to be successful. At The Dorcan Academy, we fully advocate James Clear's Atomic Habits. In his book, he argues that 1% changes build, and if we make regular small changes, as time progresses, we will have made a big change. So, whilst some students did well, and other students will be disappointed in their results, if we embrace this philosophy, come the summer, we know that our students will be able to exceed their own expectations and achieve exceptional results.

Years 9 and 10 focused on **courage**. At Dorcan, we define **courage** as being an inner strength, self-belief, and confidence to stand out from the crowd and to stand up for what is right. Next term our year 9 students will begin their option choices, another landmark moment in any student's time at The Dorcan Academy. Therefore, students have been focusing on having the **courage** to make the right decisions for themselves and not following the crowd. In addition, they have been looking at what **courage** looks like in different scenarios and how to respond **kindly** and **respectfully** when standing up for what they believe to be right. Year 10 looked at how to make a difference within and outside The Dorcan Academy. With charity week approaching, we have tasked our year 10 students to have the **courage** to play a leading role in promoting and running events, and ultimately the success of the week.

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

**Promoting Resilience:** Promoting resilience is an ongoing process, that involves creating a nurturing and supportive environment, while also providing opportunities for your child to develop the skills needed to face life's challenges with confidence and determination. Children learn by example. Therefore, you could demonstrate how you show resilience in your own life, whether it's in handling stress, facing setbacks, or dealing with difficult situations. Talk to your child about how you overcome challenges.

#### Character award

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

**Environment** – Let your child oversee the recycling of your household waste for two weeks.

**Community** – Take your child to a local religious building. Take a photograph or draw a picture of the main features.

**Diversity** – Suggest three pieces of music by musicians from diverse cultural backgrounds for your child to listen to.

### Character counter totals

**Osprey - 273**

**Falcon - 254**

**Eagle - 83**

**Kingfisher - 58**

Congratulations to **Osprey House** for winning the most counters in term 2.

**Character Award achievements**

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

**Leadership**

Jessica Potcovaru, Alexis Osei Assibey

**Environment Bronze**

Frank Tait, Kiante Johnson, Kayla Haslam, Benjamin James Watts, Jacob Ross, Myesha Downie, Ewa Slawinska

**Sports Bronze**

Jack Didcote., Kyara Hopkins, Mustapha Sillia, Lucas Brown, Leonardo Montauro, Noah Strickland, Kyran Sargent, Poppy Doyle, Frankie Kirwan, Freya Horsall.

**Sports Silver**

Mustapha Sillia

**Compassion Bronze**

Manal Fatima, Noah Lennon, Maisey Lennon, Imogen Holt, Maryan Rafiq, Noah Lennon, Leah Roberts, Frankie Kirwan, Jayden Hall, Jakub Rayson, Aiden Newitt, Alexis Osei Assibey.

**Compassion Silver**

Imogen Holt

**Academia Bronze**

Manal Fatima, Piper Pimple, Kara Whitworth, Kyran Sargent, Maegan Patague, Lily Mears,

**Talent Bronze**

Olivia Hawkins, Luke Pottinger, Kyran Sargent, Lewis North

**Oracy Bronze**

Naima Maria, Alexis Osei Assibey

**Diversity Bronze**

Piper Pimple

**Gratitude Bronze**

Tyler-Jay Simpson, Phoebe Johnson, Zayn Elaidi, Benjamin James Watts, Maisey Lennon, Jenson Batner, Isabelle Bonham, Bethenie Gould, Maryan Rafiq, Ella Vassie, Freya Horsell.

**Courage Bronze**

Kyran Sargent

**Talent Silver**

Kyran Sargent

**Commitment Bronze**

Naima Maria, Maegan Patague, Kasia Pawlowska, Jessica Potcovaru, Rohaan Eshan, Alexis Osei Assibey

**Honesty Bronze**

Luke Pottinger, Lewis North, Naima Maria, Daisy Rutter, Andrew Maganda, Maegan Patague, Jayden Wills.

**Resilience**

Jayden Wills