

Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: Leading Parent Partnership Award

I'm writing to tell you about an exciting award Erdington Academy will be working towards achieving this next 12 months. One area on the school improvement plan is parental engagement, in other words, our relationships with you the parents/guardians of our student community. As a parent/guardian we want you to feel you have every opportunity to be involved in your child's school life from Year 7 through to when they leave in Year 11.

Parents evenings are an obvious starting point of finding out how your child is doing academically, as well as conversations and meetings with form tutors and the pastoral team. This coming year you will be able to sign up to workshops during parent's evenings supporting you with issues including mental health and keeping your child safe. Other ways we will be communicating with you is via the school website, MyEd app and e-mail. I would be keen to find out from you which you prefer and how effective we are in giving you information.

Throughout the school year there will be other whole school events that you will be invited to. We also have calendared parent's forum meetings, where you have the chance to meet the senior leadership team, find out about current initiatives in school and ask questions.

Moving forward, I would like to promote more opportunities for parents/guardians to join in whole school celebrations, for example 'Culture Fest', where students perform dance, music and drama. Perhaps you would like to have the opportunity to learn something creative alongside your child in school through workshops led by staff.

In order to address the objectives to achieve the award, I will be putting together a focus group of people including members of staff, governors and parents. I will be sending out questionnaires that I would greatly appreciate you fill in to help look at what is working well and what you would like us to do to improve parental engagement. If you would like to be more involved and have some good ideas, then please contact school or send me an e-mail at the address below.

I look forward to hearing your ideas and welcoming you in school.

Yours sincerely,

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