

CASTLE HALL ACADEMY MAGAZINE



Reasoning



Resilience



Responsibility



Respect



Reflection





Vision

To achieve academic excellence, develop character, and raise aspirations for all at Castle Hall Academy



Academic
Excellence



Developing
Character



Raising
Aspiration

Curriculum

At Castle Hall Academy, we challenge social inequality by providing a broad, balanced and sequenced curriculum, which values knowledge retention and application building upon individual starting points that enables ambitious endpoints for all



Promotes a love of learning and provides an environment for all students to succeed in, whatever they aspire to do



Places high value on the breadth, acquisition, retention and application of knowledge



Enriches and bridges gaps in cultural knowledge

Mission

To become an academy

‘where hearts and minds connect’





Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you well. As we complete this half term, we wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude for your unwavering support and dedication to your child's education. Your attendance at recent parents' evenings, options events and support with home learning and revision plays an important role in creating a positive home-school relationship. Your encouragement at home plays a significant role in their success, and for that, we are extremely grateful.

Looking Ahead: Y11 GCSE Exams

We are fast approaching a crucial period in our Y11's academic journey—the GCSE exams. These exams are an important milestone, and we are committed to continuing to provide the necessary support and resources to help our students excel. Here are a few key points for Y11 parents to keep in mind:

Intervention Sessions: We will be continuing to offer lesson 7, Saturday School and will be offering additional sessions during Easter and Spring Bank holiday to help students prepare effectively. ***Please encourage your child to attend these sessions and make the most of the resources available.***

Study Materials: Comprehensive home learning and practice papers will continue to be provided to aid in their revision. ***Please ensure your child utilises these materials to reinforce their learning.***

Well-being: It's important to balance study with relaxation. ***Please encourage your child to take regular breaks, maintain a healthy lifestyle, and seek support if they feel overwhelmed.***

Thank you once again to Y11 parents/carers for your partnership and commitment. We look forward to celebrating your child's achievements in the coming months.

Here is a reminder of upcoming key dates:

- Y9 Options form deadline – 23 April 2025
- Y8 Parents' Evening – 1 May 2025
- Y11 GCSE Exams begin – 8 May 2025
- Y8 HPV vaccination – 22 May 2025
- Y6 Parent meeting – 24 June 2025
- Y6 Transition day – 1 and 2 July 2025
- Y10 Parents' Evening – 10 July 2025

Finally, for families who recently celebrated Eid and for those who will be celebrating Easter, we hope time with family and loved ones is joyous and creates special memories.

Warm regards,

Mr Brook, Headteacher

Miss Rankin, Head of School



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Department for Education

The Department of Education suggest good attendance is:

95%

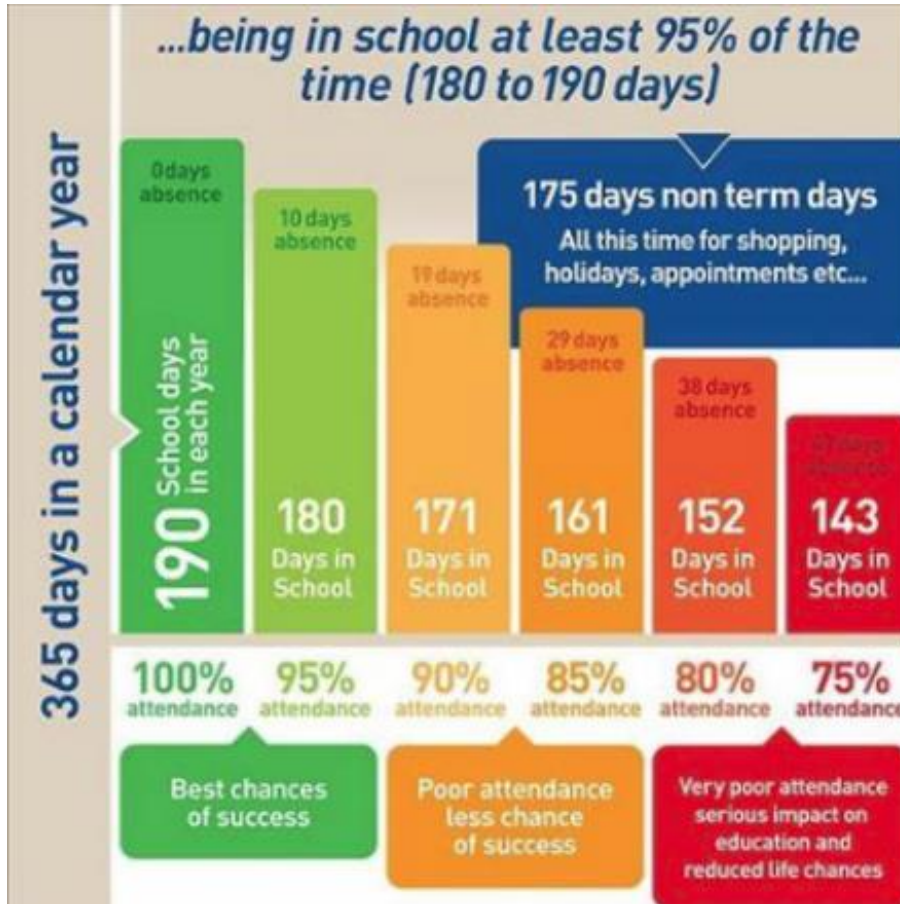
This is what every student's target is at **Castle Hall Academy**, this allows for necessary life events i.e. illness, personal circumstances, appointments which cannot be made around school times etc.

Parents encouraged to use the '**My Child At School**' (MCAS) app to monitor their child's attendance.





ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY



and every minute counts...



MY CHILD AT SCHOOL - MCAS

Thank you to parents/carers who have activated their accounts!

New Accounts

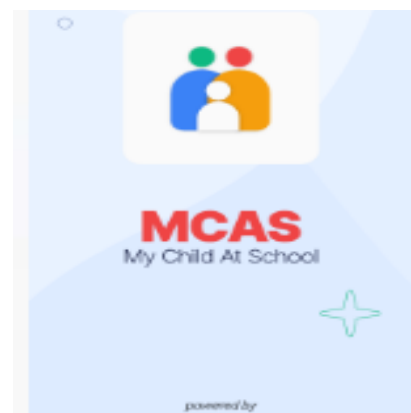
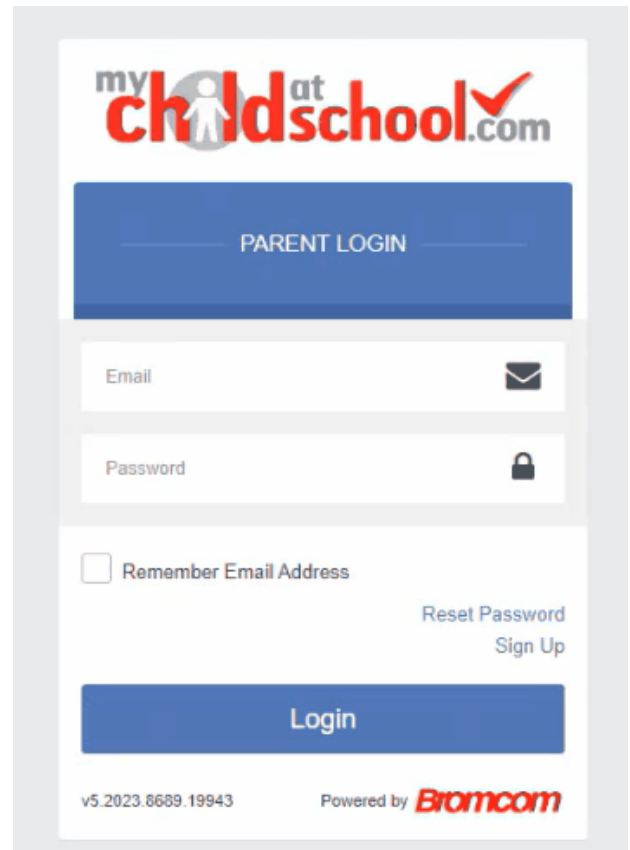
Parents were sent an email with a link to the Parent Login screen, then parents will click **Here** to open the Create Your Password screen. Parents then **enter password** and **confirm password** then click **create password**.

Logging in to MCAS New and Existing accounts

- From within the web browser type www.mychildatschool.com or access the MCAS mobile phone app, this will open the Parent Login screen.
- Enter your Email Address and Password. Use the Email Address registered to the MCAS account and the Password to Login.
- Click on the Login button.
- Login to the MCAS account and see all Students linked to that Email Address.

Re-send Email and Link

If you require a link to your user account re-sending please contact office@castlehall.com





READ TO TRAVEL

These incredible students have read their way to Rio de Janeiro!



From turning pages to travelling miles, their dedication to reading is taking them across the world. Keep going!



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is observed by over 100 countries. CHA students enjoyed various activities from The Masked Reader, Booknic, design a book front cover competition and themed homebakes ☺





NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK



Every year, National Careers Week (NCW) provides a unique opportunity for students to focus on careers guidance and be inspired about their future pathways.

Students enjoyed exciting talks from Haribo and Transpennine Route Upgrade and gained valuable insights into the careers on offer.

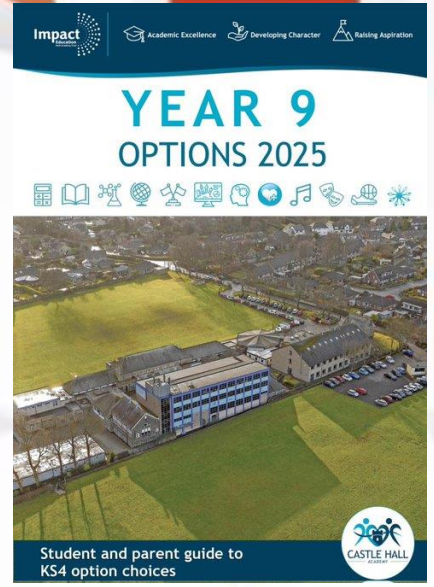




YEAR 9 OPTIONS

Choosing the right combination of subjects is crucial. Academic abilities, interests and future aspirations should all be considered. It is important to select subjects that will keep doors open for post-16 education and career opportunities.

Our staff have been instrumental throughout the process in supporting students to help them make balanced and informed choices.



Options form deadline is 23 April 2025!





DUKE OF EDINBURGH



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Our Duke of Edinburgh students have been busy this half-term preparing for their Bronze Award expedition.



MATILDA THE MUSICAL

To everyone who was in the audience, thank you for joining us. Your presence and applause meant such a lot to our young performers.

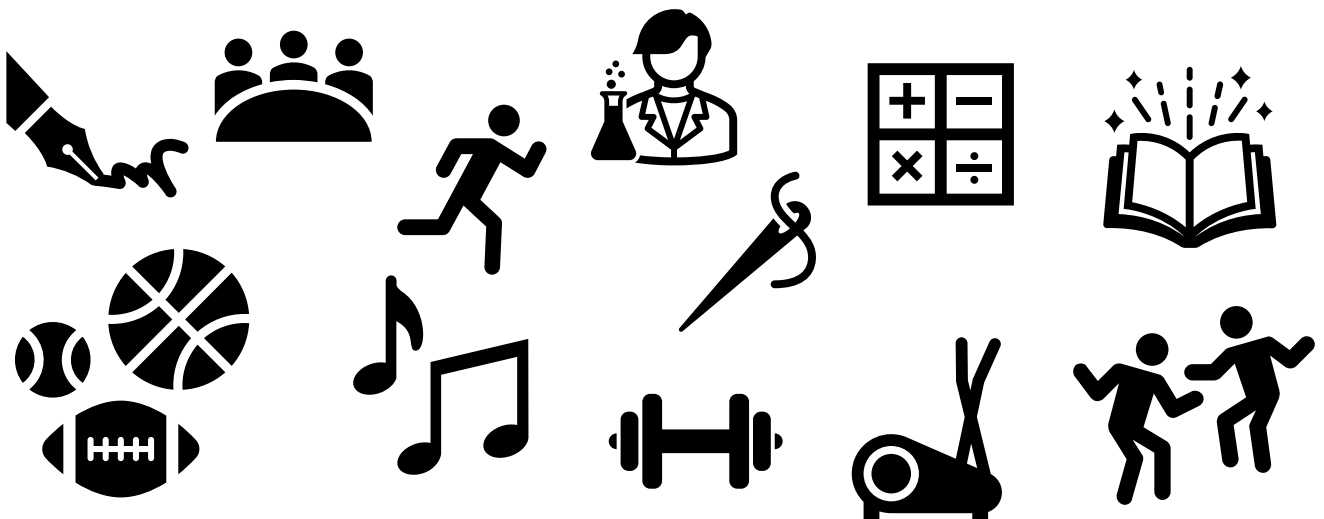
To parents/carers of the talented cast, thank your support during rehearsals and show nights.





EXTRA-CURRICULAR

	Lunch Time	After School - 3:30 to 4:20			Duke of Edinburgh (CJN/DJN/ DPK)
Monday	Table Tennis (FPL) KS4 Hall 02	Memrise (MFL) A104	Science Club (RAD or ULT) C202	3D Design (LHY + CHS) C102	
			Boys Fitness club (MLY) Fitness Suite	Game Creation + Coding Club (HAD + PGS) B202	
Tuesday	Choir (HWD) KS3 A112	Girls Fitness club (MLT, EMS, MGS) Fitness Suite	Football (Boys (MLY, ANP) Hall 01	Creative Writing (JTA) A109	
				Textiles (KNN) C101	
Wednesday			Boys Fitness club (ANP) Fitness Suite	Mandarin (JWN) A103	
			Debate Society (GBN + MBM) (all years) B402	Spax (Maths Staff Rota) A105	
Thursday	Musical Theatre (HMY) A113	Pokémon Club (IFL & LHY) Compass	Read to Travel a Mile (MBN) Library	Music Club (HWD) A112	
	Choir (HWD) KS4 A112		Gymnastics (EMS + MGS) Hall 01	Lexia Catch-Up (BNN) A111 – Starting Semester 2 Week 1	
Friday					





NHS
Yorkshire
Ambulance Service
NHS Trust



Heart of the Community

Accreditation Scheme

**BRONZE
AWARD**

Recognising commitment to cardiopulmonary
resuscitation (CPR) education and
defibrillator availability.

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YORKSHIRE
AMBULANCE
SERVICE
CHARITY



Registered Charity Number: 1114106





COMMUNITY

We are thrilled to share the success of our recent food bank donation collection, and we extend our deepest gratitude to all who contributed.



Your generosity will make a significant impact on our local community, and we couldn't be prouder of the collective effort shown by our students, parents and staff.





Mirfield in Bloom
In partnership
with local schools
April 4th & 5th 2025

**Mirfield in Bloom
Community
Spring Clean**

- ✓ Early Years sector
- ✓ Primary schools
- ✓ Secondary schools
- ✓ Community groups
- ✓ Neighbourhoods
- ✓ Businesses

KEEP BRITAIN TIDY.

07706738463

Equipment is available at
the main Co-op in Mirfield

Well done to our Anti-bullying Ambassadors and School Council for taking part in the Mirfield in Bloom Spring Clean.





SPORT

We are excited to share the fantastic achievements of our students in recent sports events and clubs. Their dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship have been truly inspiring, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts.

We are committed to encouraging our students to stay active and engaged in sports and clubs. Sport not only promote physical fitness but also teach important life skills such as respect, resilience, and responsibility.



AWARENESS

Thank you to Alicia Manners who spoke to Y9 and Y10 students about the dangers of one punch.

This was an important message with an emotional outcome helping students think and make a choice and understand consequences.



THINK BEFORE YOU PARK!

Dear Parents / Carers,

Unfortunately, we are having to write to you about some dangerous and inconsiderate parking around school. Cars are being parked across local residents' driveways, on pavements, junctions, double yellow lines and on the zigzag lines. This is obviously both very dangerous and illegal.

We know pick up and drop off times are difficult and very busy due to large amounts of children, but safety must take priority.

Dangerous and illegal parking can pose a safety risk to our students and others. Please consider:

- ✓ parking further away from school, advising your child where you will be
- ✓ park further away and walk up to meet your child
- ✓ encourage children to walk home where possible
- ✓ use public transport

Help us to keep everybody safe.

Castle Hall Academy



! SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDER !
KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE
"Please show you care - think before you park/manoeuvre."



COMMUNICATION

It is important that we have up to date information for your child. Please inform the Academy of any changes to your contact details.

Your main point of contact is your child's Head of Year. The Head of Year team spend the day with their year groups in lessons, at break and lunch, they also supervise after-school detentions and support extra-curricular.

Please bear with them when making contact. Below is a reminder of their details:

Staff	Email - allow 24hrs for response	Mobile - urgent
Mr Pearson, Head of Year 7	jpearson@castlehall.com	07895 746870
Mr Johnson, Head of Year 8	djohnson@castlehall.com	07708 795466
Mrs Bonham, Head of Year 9	lbonham@castlehall.com	07708 795385
Mrs Ennis, Head of Year 10	cennis@castlehall.com	07565 399941
Miss Clarkson, Head of Year 11	rclarkson@castlehall.com	07708 796626

Student Absence

Parent/carer must notify the Academy on the first day of absence, to explain the reason for the absence via:

Staff	Email	Telephone
Mrs Toth, Attendance Officer	StudentAbsence@castlehall.com	01924 523232 from 7:00am





KEY DATES 2024-25

TRAINING/REVIEW DAYS

(staff only)

Friday 22 November 2024
Thursday 30 January 2025
Friday 31 January 2025
Friday 14 March 2025
Thursday 03 July 2025
Friday 04 July 2025

2024-25 TERM 1

Wednesday 4 September 2024 to Friday 25 October 2024

Holiday: Saturday 26 October 2024 to Sunday 03 November 2024

2024-25 TERM 2

Monday 4 November 2024 to Friday 20 December 2024

Holiday: Saturday 21 December 2024 to Sunday 05 January 2025

2024-25 TERM 3

Monday 6 January 2025 to Friday 14 February 2025

Holiday: Saturday 15 February 2025 to Sunday 23 February 2025

2024-25 TERM 4

Monday 24 February 2025 to Friday 4 April 2025

Holiday: Saturday 5 April 2025 to Sunday 20 April 2025

2024-25 TERM 5

Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Friday 23 May 2025

Holiday: Saturday 24 May 2025 to Sunday 1 June 2025

2024-25 TERM 6

Monday 2 June 2025 to Friday 18 July 2025

Holiday: Saturday 19 July 2025 onwards

BANK HOLIDAYS

Monday 21 April 2025

Monday 05 May 2025

PARENTS' EVENING DATES

Year 11	Thursday 05 December 2024
Year 7	Thursday 06 February 2025
Year 10	Thursday 13 February 2025
Year 11	Thursday 20 March 2025
Year 9	Thursday 03 April 2025
Year 8	Thursday 01 May 2025
Year 10	Thursday 10 July 2025



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

OAKWELL HALL BIRSTALL BAGSHAW MUSEUM BATLEY TOLSON MUSEUM HUDDERSFIELD

WHAT'S ON: APRIL HOLIDAYS

- Workshops
- Explorer Trails
- Arts & Crafts
- SEND Sessions
- Celebrations
- Tours
- Exhibitions
- Much more!

SCAN ME

creativekirklees.com

LOVE
Kirklees Museums

Energise

by Endorphins

Easter Holiday sessions

Join us for our fun and inclusive Easter Eggstravaganza for children & young people with SEND!

North Kirklees

Chickenley Children Centre Princess Rd, Dewsbury WF12 8QT
Monday 7th, Wednesday 9th, Monday 14th & Wednesday 16th April

09:00 - 13:00 (Ages 8 - 12) & 13:30 - 17:30 (Ages 13-17)

A hot meal is included as well as a range of activities:
Bunny Easter scavenger hunt, Easter bingo, egg and spoon race, Easter crafts, creating, cornflake chick nest cake and Easter Smores by the firepit.

Booking is essential
Sessions are FREE but you must book a place to attend.
Please contact our team to book:
E: bookings@endorphins

EASTER FOOTBALL & MULTISKILLS CAMP

Camp 1
Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th April
Leeds Road Sports Complex (HD2 1YY)
10am - 2pm daily

Camp 2
Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th April
Leeds Road Sports Complex (HD2 1YY)
10am - 2pm daily

8-17 year olds with disabilities and learning disabilities

Lunch Included
Free to attend
Pre Booking Essential

All HTF delivery staff are FA/UEFA Qualified, have completed qualifications in delivering disability sport and hold up to date Safeguarding and First Aid Certification

HELP@HTAFCFOUNDATION.COM | 01484 503 773

Kirklees COUNCIL HUDDERSFIELD TOWN FOUNDATION
The Club's Official Charity

SCAN TO BOOK ONLINE

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UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Uniform Exchange offers free uniform to families in Kirklees. You can support them and the environment, by donating uniform you no longer need, or you can contact them if you need support via <https://www.uniform-exchange.org/>

**UNIFORM
EXCHANGE**





Characteristics of Exceptional Learners



Reasoning

I ask questions about my learning and independently work things out for myself.



Resilience

When things get challenging, I never give up and learn from my mistakes.



Responsibility

I choose to do the right thing even when nobody is watching.



Respect

My behaviour is exceptional. I show respect for all in my community.



Reflection

I take every opportunity to review and develop my learning and behaviour.

Work hard, be kind and follow staff instructions - everybody, everyday