

25 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

At Heron Hall academy we are committed to providing students with an enriching and inspiring educational experience, where they can thrive academically and socially, both now and in the future. Part of that education is the learning that takes place in lessons, but part of that education is also the experiences that take place outside the classroom. Last week students have had assemblies where we have relaunched our STRIVE values, the aim was to give our students a refresher of the values we wish to instil in them. For more information on our STRIVE values [click here](#).

What are STRIVE days?

STRIVE days are days in which students participate in whole school activities designed to enhance and enrich the experiences they have here at Heron Hall academy. STRIVE days take part three times a year, one at the end of each term. This is a chance for us to ensure that we are actively providing character education opportunities throughout the year.

STRIVE Day 1- Friday 15th December 2023

STRIVE Day 2- Friday 22nd March 2024

STRIVE Day 3- Wednesday 17th July 2024

What activities will my child do?

Each STRIVE day will have a focus. Students will partake in workshops, assemblies and activities that promote our STRIVE values. Year 7-9 will focus on general character development. Year 10 will focus on careers, higher education and life beyond Heron Hall academy.

Will all students take part in these activities?

Yes. These activities are carefully chosen and are part of our school curriculum. All students will participate.

How are the STRIVE values taught/encouraged within the school year?

We have a STRIVE value that students focus on every half-term. Students will be engaging in form time sessions that focus on specific values, for example this half-term's focus is the value of being supportive, students, as part of their pastoral programme, will spend once a week learning a supportive lesson. Students are now also able to receive positive merits for displaying our STRIVE values inside and outside of the classroom.

Yours sincerely,

Madam Ali

Teacher of English and Diversity, character and culture Lead