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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Thistley Hough Academy Charter**

We are pleased to announce an exciting new educational charter that will be delivered to all students in all year groups. The Thistley Charter will be inclusive to all students and will take place over three drop-down days dedicated to our three virtues: Respect, Resilience, and Responsibility.

These days will focus on making students more responsible, raising aspirations, and preparing them for life beyond the school gates. The workshops and visits on these days are designed to enhance our curriculum and provide valuable experiences that will support our students' personal and academic growth.

As part of this Charter, we will be organising a series of school visits and workshops that are closely linked to careers, post-16 opportunities, and essential life skills. Our students will benefit from a range of trips and external visitors, including:

**External Visitors:** Experts will come to the Academy to teach important topics such as road safety, knife crime awareness, and the PREVENT strategy. In partnership with St. John's Ambulance, students will learn critical First Aid skills.

**Year 7:** Theatre Trip to see 'Dick Whittington' at Stoke Regent Theatre.

**Year 8:** Careers Trip to Wedgwood - this will include a nature walk, careers talk, and factory tour.

**Year 9:** Blists Hill Victorian Town to experience what life would have been like living in the 1800s.

**Year 10:** "Talk the Talk" programme that will help students build their presentation skills and confidence in communication. This will support them for their mock interviews with local businesses later in the academic year.

**Year 11:** Students will learn about community respect and responsibility as they head off to the Trafford Centre to celebrate their continuous successes.

Students will also be visiting Universities and Colleges throughout the year to inspire our students about future educational paths.

To help make these trips and workshops a success, we kindly request a voluntary contribution of **£20 from each student** and this single payment will cover all three drop down days. This contribution can be paid on **Arbor** either in full or in multiple instalments and will go towards transportation, bookings, and materials to ensure



that we can provide these enriching experiences for our young people. **This payment will need to be made by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April.**

We believe that this Charter will play a significant role in shaping our students' futures and these experiences will provide them with the lifelong virtues of resilience, respect, and responsibility making them productive, creative, and valuable members of society. Your support is vital in making this Charter successful.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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