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Dear Parent / Guardian

I am writing to inform you about an exciting new initiative we are starting at Westfield Academy called **Westfield's Word of the Week**.

Every week we will introduce students to a different 'tier 2' vocabulary word. This word will be shared around the school and on the school website for all to access. We have chosen to use tier 2 vocabulary because these words are highly utilised; research suggests that understanding these words can help students develop a richer understanding of texts, which in turn, will not only have a positive impact on students' attainment, but also lifelong communication skills.

We have chosen to provide students with the most common sense (definition) of the word, as this is how the word will be presented most frequently; other senses will be explored alongside synonyms (words which mean the same) and antonyms (words with opposite meanings).

Students will be encouraged to use **Word of the Week** within the classroom and also within conversations around school.

When students use this word at school, they will be awarded a Scholarship house point on Classcharts (**WoW**).

We are catalysing an incredible push with literacy at Westfield, and would be extremely grateful if you would support us by embedding and exploring this word, in conversation, with your child(ren) at home.

For further information on vocabulary, please refer to this helpful link:
https://www.superduperinc.com/handouts/pdf/182_VocabularyTiers.pdf

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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