



Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that Eastern High has become a 'Time Credit' school. This now allows us to offer time credits to you and your children in exchange for your engagement in and support of school and community based events.

Once earned, 'Time Credits' can be spent at a variety of venues to access tickets to performances, entry to venues and payment towards services. Locally these include Better Leisure Centres, Boulders in Newport Road, Cardiff International Swimming Pool, Ice Arena Wales in Cardiff Bay, Chapter Arts Centre Cinema and the Welsh Millennium Centre, Sherman and St David's Hall for theatre productions and shows.

We are also hoping to organise a family trip to London for our parents and students to access this summer. We will organise the coach for a small cost, however your time credits can be used to gain entry into some of the top tourist attractions in London which makes the day trip far more affordable for the whole family.

To find out more about the 'Time Credit' scheme and to earn your first time credits we would like to invite you to our **Time Credit Launch evening on Wednesday March 14th at 5:00pm**, tea and coffee will be available from 4:30pm. This evening will also be used to **launch our 'Friends of Eastern' group** which I hope you will consider joining. Friends of Eastern will meet five times a year to plan events for the school and the community and hopefully will help us to raise funds for the school as well as helping to promote some events for the whole community to enjoy. By volunteering you will earn time credits for attending each meeting and for any time you donate to help prepare something for an event etc.

Your other opportunities to earn some time credits before the Easter break include attending our **Parent/Carers Restorative Approaches evening on Wednesday 21st March 5:00pm** which will give you an opportunity to find out about the restorative approaches that we use in school to solve conflict and build relationships and will give you an opportunity to let us know what you need from the school community to help you further support your child in school.

We are also running an **'Apprenticeship Information evening' on Wednesday 28th March from 4:00pm – 6:00pm** this evening will give you access to a range of businesses and

employers who will tell you more about apprenticeship opportunities for young people and wider employment opportunities that are available in their sectors.

For more information about 'Time Credits', please see our website for the time credits brochure for both South Wales and London and go to the time credits website at <http://www.justaddspice.org/about-us> for more information.

We will be updating our website and sending out text messages to inform you of more time credit opportunities throughout the year.

I hope to see you at the events mentioned above. If you have any questions about any of these events or the time credit scheme please get in touch with me on the numbers and email addresses above.

Kind regards,

Susan Cowan

Deputy Headteacher