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Family Day at WAGC Brings Smiles, Support, and Connection

At Walton Academy for Growth and Change (WAGC), Family Day is a celebration of love, connection, and healing. Held every third Saturday, Family Day gives our student athletes the opportunity to reconnect with those who matter most, strengthening the bonds that support their personal growth.

This month, WAGC welcomed over 35 family members to campus. Parents, grandparents, and siblings gathered to spend quality time with their loved ones, many seeing firsthand the positive changes their student athlete has made.

“This place is better than what I imagined,” one family member told a student athlete. “I hope you’re appreciative of this experience and change.” The student athlete, moved by the visit, committed to embracing the opportunity and striving for growth.

With many new intakes at WAGC, Family Day is a vital part of ensuring our youth feel supported not just by staff, but by the families cheering them on. By intentionally including families in the care process, WAGC helps bridge the gap between the program and home, reminding each student athlete that they’re not alone on this journey.

For staff, seeing youth and their families smiling and reconnecting—that’s what makes it all worth it. As we look ahead, WAGC remains committed to encouraging consistent family engagement, knowing that a strong support system is key to lasting change.