

Our Ref: OIN/DMC

27th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well.

At the beginning of a new Half Term, I would like to formally introduce myself as Acting Principal of Armthorpe Academy. It is both an honour and a privilege to build on the work conducted by the School Leadership Team and I look forward to continuing to improve the provision that the academy has enjoyed, which has included:

- The growth of the academy to its highest student population since 2016, with a greater intake of new Year 7 students and their families choosing Armthorpe Academy as their school of choice.
- The improvement of school provision and support both inside and outside of the classroom, leading to a significant improvement in attendance. This has resulted in Armthorpe being the second most [improved school nationally](#) for reducing its Persistent Absence (PA) rate, according to Department for Education attendance analysis.
- A commitment to disruption free learning in the classroom, with improved systems and student support has led to a much greater appetite for learning. A greater clarity on expectations has contributed to a considerable decrease in suspensions.

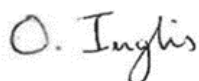
With these improvements in mind, I would like to thank you for your continued support as Parents and Carers and ask that we continue to work together to make sure that our climate for learning is sustained, particularly in standards of behaviour, uniform, attendance and punctuality.

I would also like to thank you for your continued support in the non-use of mobile phones by students on our school site during the academy day. In supporting Department for Education (DfE) [guidance](#) that came into effect in the Autumn Term, there was a strong feeling that mobile phones were becoming an unwelcome distraction to learning and social interaction with students and their peers. This move has contributed to considerable improvements in those areas, and we want this to continue. Can I please reiterate that any essential communication with your child during the school day is conducted by contacting the school on the telephone number below, so that our Administration and Pastoral teams can respond to this accordingly.

Our academy localised behaviour policy continues to be applied, and can be found on our website, or by clicking on the following [link](#).

Our continued care and commitment to all of our students is undoubted and unrelenting. As always, if you have any concerns that you wish to communicate around pastoral matters, you can do so via our Student Support Officers; Mr Bubb (Year 7), Mrs Dawson-Utley (Year 8), Miss Dainty (Year 9), Mrs Owen (Year 10) and Mr Walshaw (Year 11). Further information can be found on our website.

Yours faithfully



Mr Owen Inglis
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