



25th June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

With only three school weeks of the academic year remaining, this week's newsletter focuses on some exciting new developments to our curriculum from September and some key dates for your diary.

Key Stage 3 Curriculum (Years 7, 8 and 9)

Following a curriculum review and with the financial and strategic support of the trust, we are delighted to inform you that from September, all students in Key Stage 3 will now access a much broader and more balanced curriculum. Detailed below is the breakdown of the two-week 50 period timetable:

Subject	Number of lessons (55 mins)	Subject	Number of lessons (55 mins)
English	8	BITE (Business/Computing/IT/Enterprise)	2
Maths	8	Art	2
Science	6	Technology (Food/ Textiles/Resistant Materials)	2
MFL	4	Music	2
Geography	4	Drama	2
History	4	Religious Education	1
Physical Education	4	Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSE)	1

The curriculum from September will now cover the full National Curriculum entitlement. You will note we have added music to the performing arts curriculum in addition to drama. Technology will be diversified with textiles and resistant materials being taught as well as food. Relationships, Sex and Health education was added as a compulsory element of the National Curriculum from September 2020. At the start of next year, we will provide you with a breakdown of the curriculum so you are aware of what is being taught and when; I am sure you will agree it is essential we work together to properly educate our young people on this topic. Should you have any questions or queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Hanquinioux, Assistant Headteacher (sarah.hanquinioux@armthorpeacademy.org.uk).

In addition to the subjects above, all students will also participate in a 30-minute reading period each day and 20 minutes Values lesson with their Personal Development Tutor.

End of Term Dates

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July are training days. **Students' last day at school will be Friday 16th July.**

September 2021 Dates

The school year officially starts on Wednesday 1st September. Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd September will be staff training days. **Friday 3rd September will be Enrolment Day – this will be compulsory for all students. If students do not attend, this will be marked as an unauthorised absence.** Moving forward, enrolment day will be used at the start of every academic year for families to meet with a member of staff for 30 minutes each before the start of the school year. This time will be used to:

- Check the well-being of our young people by giving you the opportunity to tell us about any key events or things we need to know that have happened over the summer break.
- Check operational details are correct such as key contact information and evacuation procedures for your child.
- Check your child has the correct uniform and equipment in readiness for Monday 6th September.
- Allow us to distribute planners, key contact details, enrichment program details and other key information including the Home School Agreement.

A 'form' will be emailed next week to enable you to select a mutually convenient appointment slot. Please be aware students will attend for 30 minutes in uniform with a parent/carer and then leave the school site. We are looking forward to seeing all parents/carers, as this ensures all communication is clearly disseminated. Appointment times will be available from 7:30 am until 6:00 pm; this is to ensure all parents/carers can attend around work commitments. Please look out for an email next week, then further details will be sent before the end of the term with a confirmed time.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards



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Headteacher

