

Principals Weekly Bulletin

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another excellent week at the Academy and I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff and families for their continued commitment and support.

This week, students in Years 7 and 8 took part in Restart a Heart Day, learning vital CPR and lifesaving skills. These sessions provide young people with the confidence and knowledge to respond in an emergency and are an important part of preparing students for life beyond the classroom. The maturity and engagement shown by our students throughout the programme was outstanding.

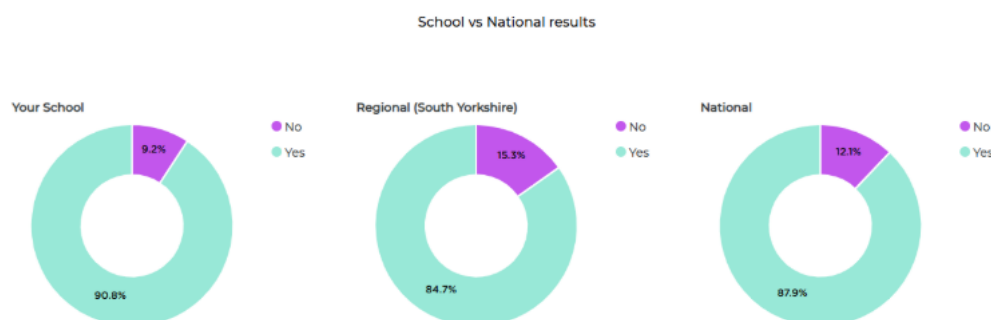
Our assemblies this week have focused on Black History Month, led by Mr Wright, Head of Humanities. Students have explored the achievements, contributions and experiences of influential Black individuals throughout history, while reflecting on the importance of equality, inclusion and understanding within our diverse society. We are grateful to Mr Wright for delivering such informative and thought-provoking assemblies.

The academy also welcomed a visit from Ofsted this week. I would like to take this opportunity to commend our students, who were exceptional throughout the visit. Their behaviour, manners and conduct were impeccable, and they represented both themselves and the academy with pride. It was particularly pleasing to receive excellent feedback from members of the inspection team regarding the positive attitudes, respect and maturity consistently demonstrated by our students. We were incredibly proud of them.

A reminder that our Autumn Attendance Challenge is still ongoing, with the final week taking place next week. We have seen some excellent attendance across the academy, and we encourage all students to continue aiming for full attendance and punctuality. Every day in school matters and strong attendance remains one of the most important factors in supporting students to achieve their very best.

We are keen to give all students an opportunity to take part in democratic activities as part of their Personal Development diet within school. Results from the school are compared regionally and nationally. This is allowing us to further develop our personal development offer in school at form time and within PSHE lessons to ensure we are supporting our young people to make positive choices beyond Armthorpe Academy. Please see our website for Local Labour Market Information for both Doncaster and South Yorkshire. This includes critical Employment information for the local area. We are working with key employers in the local area to further develop our careers programme with both Key Stage 3 and 4 students. This has already involved developing work experience opportunities with Volkerrail, Keepmoat and the NHS. This is something that we are incredibly proud of and we are working to further develop these links in order to provide the best opportunities for our students to prepare for Life Beyond Armthorpe.

Regional results vs national results



Thank you once again for your continued support. Together, we continue to create a positive learning environment where students can thrive academically, socially and personally.

I wish you and your family a restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Gill Mills

Principal