



Armthorpe Academy

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

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Dear Parent/Carer

Our last newsletter of the academic year. The last 12 months have been a rollercoaster for us all, but as a school community we should be proud of what we have managed to achieve together. Adversity can often bring togetherness; we feel our school community is certainly uniting more as our culture evolves. Personally, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to you all. It is genuinely an honour and a privilege to work with your children daily; they are an absolute delight. I have been humbled by the support from parents/carers in our endeavours to improve the school; we are aware we have much work to do, but we are excited about what we can achieve together with your unwavering support.

The end of an academic year always brings change. Today we say goodbye to several colleagues who are leaving us for new professional challenges. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their commitment to the children of Armthorpe. We wish Mr Hancock, Miss Jackson, Miss Harcourt, Mr Bridge, Miss Smith and Miss Lindsay all the very best in the future.

We welcome Mrs Brigden (Head of English), Mr Hepworth (Head of History), Mr Billings (Head of Performing Arts), Mr Wannop (Teacher of English), Mr Aldridge (Teacher of English), Miss Narey (Teacher of Maths), Mr Bramman (Teacher of Geography), Mr Kenyon (Teacher of ICT), Mrs Donkin (Assistant Head – SENCO), Miss Longhorn (Deputy SENCO), Mrs Hartley (Head of Year) and Mrs Blair (Receptionist). Three internal promotions also see Mrs Moulton (Director of Pastoral Care) and Mrs Whiteley (Business Support Officer) join the leadership team and Miss Donnelly has been promoted to Site Manager.

Our students have been heavily involved in all our recruitment processes; we are all delighted by the calibre of the new staff we have appointed. Our school is growing. Numbers in Year 7 are higher than ever, our curriculum is expanding, which only brings more fantastic opportunities for your children. We will be publishing a full list of enrichment activities for you to take away on enrolment day along with timetables for the new academic year.

It has not been the end to the term we would have liked, but in this new COVID world we must learn to live in, the health and safety of our school family will always come first. I hope you can enjoy a restful and relaxing summer break. Should you have any questions over the holidays, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will be checking our admin mailbox once a week despite not being in school.

Take care. See you on enrolment day!

Kind regards

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