



Armthorpe Academy

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

17th September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Planners

Our planners finally arrived this week. Over this weekend, please help your child to organise themselves by ensuring (if they have not already done so) they place their timetable in the plastic wallet in the back of the planner. It is also helpful for students to write their subjects for each day by their credits each day. We will be updating permissions information over the next couple of weeks. We had planned to do this on Enrolment Day but with planners delayed we now require your support at home. **Please complete the information on pages 4-7**, particularly the section about dismissal arrangements given the need for an emergency closure.

Just a reminder that the planner needs signing every week – remember a blank planner is an excellent planner. This means your child has met all expectations and maintained all their positive credits. Please encourage your child to look after their planner. It is required daily and used on the desk in all lessons. Any graffiti or deliberate defacing will result in us asking you to purchase a new planner.

Personal Development

Our values theme this week is student democracy, so in personal development time our students will be discussing three key topics so their voice can be heard:

Respect: How can we respect our environment and one another more by reducing the amount of litter left in the canteen each day?

Responsibility: Our student council's first task will be to look at how we can support people in our community less fortunate than ourselves. What can we/would you like our school to do?

Ambition: What improvements can we make to teaching to help you know and remember more?
We have had a very busy week in school.

In year group assemblies this week, we will be talking what democracy means and why it is important to listen to and consider the views of others. Our student prefects will also be announced.

Year 11 Study Skills Evening

Thank you to parents who have already confirmed they will be joining us on Tuesday 21st September for our Year 11 study skills evening 5:30 – 7:00pm. Year 11 have made a fantastic start to the year; we are thrilled with the maturity they are displaying. This evening will help parents understand the journey, how you can support over the next 12 months, give practical revision strategies and an opportunity for you to speak to some post-16 providers that have accepted our invitation to join us for the evening. Activities will be on a carousel to ensure we maximise learning. Please use the link below to confirm attendance.

<https://bit.ly/3AeFfqt>

Social Media Concerns

Many of our students have demonstrated great responsibility this week by informing us of a new Instagram account, where sadly, people are anonymously posting inaccurate facts about others. This is not the first time there has been an 'Armthorpe gossip' causing problems. On one hand, it is heart-warming that so many students have been to see me to express their concern. They realise it is unkind, completely unnecessary and are perturbed of the distress malicious rumours are causing to their peers. We need your support. Please be vigilant in checking your child's social media activity and remind them that the police will and do get involved with inappropriate activity on social media. One of our school values is to communicate with kindness. We are making huge strides with this in school, but this is not about school, it is about students showing the same respect and responsibility when no-one is watching beyond our walls. Despite this behaviour happening outside of school, we will not tolerate any member of our school community deliberately upsetting others through cowardly online posts, and as such, will work with the police to hopefully put a stop to this. Thank you in anticipation for supporting and working with us by regularly checking your child's activity.

Open Evening

Finally, we will be welcoming Year 5 and 6 families to our Open Evening on Thursday 14th October (4:30 – 7pm). We will be publicising the event over the coming weeks, but some advance notice for families who may have children who will be joining us. More detailed information will be sent to all local feeder schools next week, but I'd grateful if you could spread the word. Thank you.

Looks like the weather will be warm on Saturday! Have a great weekend!

Kind regards



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