



8th October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Quite an operational newsletter this week. We would be grateful if you could act upon the following actions please:

Student Planner Parental Consents and Acknowledgements

Please sign pages 5, 6 and 7 in the student planner that detail parental consents. Closure arrangements are particularly important, as this indicates how you would like your child to be dismissed in event of an emergency. We will be adding coloured dots to planners shortly to help us with organisational procedures should an emergency closure situation arise. If pages are not completed by Friday 15th October, we will use information gathered during the last academic year. Thank you.

Open Evening

Heartwarmingly, many students have indicated they wish to help and support with Open Evening on Thursday 14th October. The evening commences at 4:30pm and concludes at 7:00pm. Some students are acting as guides for prospective families whilst others are supporting in departments. Regardless of how your child is helping, we require parental consent. All students involved need to be in full school uniform and on-site by 4:00pm. If you have not already done so, we would be grateful if you could complete the form below to allow your son/daughter to attend.

<https://bit.ly/3ur1Gqc>

Paracetamol Distribution in School

We are seeing an increasing number of students asking for paracetamol during school time. Although we welcome the resilient attitude of continuing to attend school whilst not feeling 100%, our main office at times bares a resemblance to a pharmacy. If your child is feeling off-colour, please ensure they take paracetamol at 8am before starting school. If they continue to feel unwell, we will contact home after 12pm to re-administer with your consent, but we will not be ringing parents before this time unless it is clearly an emergency or a child who is genuinely in need. Our records show there is a pattern of students regularly missing learning to sit unwell in the main office, hence the change to our policy. If the pattern continues, we will be inviting individual parents into school to discuss newly emerging 'medical' needs noted in school that may need referring to the school nurse.

Year 11 mock exams

I have spoken to Year 11 students in assembly today about the November mock exam schedule. Students are aware of protocols and now have a timetable with key revision topics for each subject. Encouragingly, we know they have been working much harder in their own time, which is already paying dividends. Attached is the timetable for parent/carers reference so you can continue to support at home. Thank you.

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Celebrating Success



Finally, interviews were held on Wednesday for senior Student Leadership roles within school. I was genuinely blown away by the passion, desire and commitment from our Year 11 students to help drive school improvement at Armthorpe Academy. The leadership team are excited about working with the group moving forwards. More pictures to follow next week, but in the meantime, I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating our Head Girl, Millie, and Head Boy, Harvey. They both embody our school values; we are extremely proud of them.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards

Claire Robbins
Headteacher

