



# Armthorpe Academy

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8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

## Flu Vaccinations

Further to our text message sent on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November, the NHS Schools Vaccination team will be visiting the Academy on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 to administer Flu vaccinations to all children in years 7 – 11. **If you have not already completed the online consent, please follow this link <https://bit.ly/30AewYc>. It is important that the link is completed; even if you do not wish for your child to be vaccinated the form still needs completing.** Further information is available on the Academy website.

## Parent Consultation and Information Evenings

In light of the COVID guidance to reduce the number of visitors in school until the end of November, we have rescheduled the two planned events.

**Year 10 GCSE Information Evening – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

**Year 8 Parents' Evening – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Should restrictions prevent face-to-face attendance, we will (as a back up option) look at remote evenings, but our experience evidence face-to-face events are much more effective and worthwhile. Please make a note of the new dates.

## KS4 examinations

Year 11 mock examinations will begin on Monday as planned for two weeks. I have spent time with Year 11 to ensure they are fully aware of arrangements and exam regulations. Please support your child by ensuring they have a clear pencil case to hold their equipment. **It is imperative Year 11 are at school and have signed in by 8:20 for the next two weeks.** This will allow examinations to be started and finished before break to ensure minimal noise around the sportshall. Again, we would be grateful if you can support at home by ensuring your child is on time. Just a reminder also that breakfast will be served free of charge for Year 11 from 8:00 onwards during the examination period.

**Year 10 will sit exams in all subjects the week beginning Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** once the Year 11 examinations have finished. To give the students a true much needed GCSE experience, English, Maths and Science exams will be held in the Hall using full exam conditions. Other exams will be held in classrooms. Year 10 will be spoken to this week, so they have a full understanding of what they need to revise and how they can revise.

## Use of Social Media

Many trends circulate school children around the country, one of which at present is creating malicious and inappropriate Tik Tok videos about school staff. Sadly, we have been a victim of this trend this week. We are starting to build an experienced and talented staff body at Armthorpe, who care about your children, but staff do not come to work to be abused. It is therefore quite simple; inappropriate use of social media that involves members of staff will not be tolerated. I have spoken to the students this week, so they are fully aware of our expectations. It is heart-warming that many students are as

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disgusted as the staff and indeed that many parents care enough to report incidents to us. The students have been thanked and hopefully we are dealing with a very small minority. As always, my plea is that we must work together. Please ensure you are checking your child's social media regularly, as even commenting or liking inappropriate threads can result in police intervention. As a school family, it is imperative we actively report inappropriate social media use to the police. No-one should be abused on social media, but we must act together to ensure appropriate deterrents and interventions can be made.

### **Armistice Day**

Armistice Day (also known as Remembrance Day) is on 11 November. As we are aware, it marks the day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918. Our values and assembly programme this week will help our students to understand the sacrifices made by others fighting for our country. As a school community, we will be holding a two-minute silence at 11am on Thursday on the Astro Turf together, to remember the people who have sadly died. We are aware many of our students are active members of junior cadet groups in the local community. As a mark of respect, should students wish, they can wear military uniform to replace school uniform on Thursday.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Kind regards



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