



Armthorpe Academy

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am always proud of our school community, but I've been extremely proud of our students this week. We have had a very successful week in the Academy.

Year 11 have shown incredible maturity, resilience and commitment with mock exams this week. It has been both mentally and physically challenging for them; they were shattered by Friday. However, it has been a good experience and learning curve for the group as the process has mirrored exactly what will happen in Summer. Thank you to Year 11 parent/carers for your support, as I know many of you have been helping tirelessly with recall of key information on revision cards. It is essential to remember these mocks are just the start of the journey. We are delighted with the attitude and application from the year group. Same again next week, then I will be in touch with next steps ...



Whilst discussing Year 11, huge congratulations to Rhys this week. As well as showing great application with his mock exams, Rhys also become the 7 times National Taekwondo champion last weekend. Well done Rhys! We are all immensely proud of you, demonstrating our school values in abundance, on your way to a fantastic achievement.

Year 10 mocks will start a week on Monday. To give them a GCSE exam experience, English, Maths and Science exams will be completed in the exam hall. Students should be revising content studied since September over the course of the next week. The English exam will focus on Macbeth and particularly the theme of ambition throughout the play. Parents can support at home by helping to learn and remember key quotation learnt in class and revision card summaries of each act from the play.

Our Remembrance Service on Thursday was fantastic. Our students demonstrated immaculate respect during the two minutes silence. Thank you particularly to the students in Year 8 who wore cadet uniform for the day and formed a guard of honour by the bugle player.

Your child may have informed you we also had an unplanned fire alarm on Friday. Student behaviour at such times, is always a good soft barometer of where a school is at. Despite us having to wait nearly an hour before we could safely return inside, the students as a collective were fantastic. Despite initial

indications suggesting it was a deliberate activation, it was indeed a faulty sensor that I can assure you has now been fixed.

This week marks the start of **Anti-Bullying Week**. Our values work this week will focus upon what constitutes bullying, how bullying makes people feel and what students should do if they encounter bullying. On Friday, we will be encouraging all students to wear odd socks. Odd Socks Day is a national event which celebrates what makes someone unique and special.

Following CAT tests, new **Year 7** groupings have now been finalised. Before we move students, to help Year 7 parent/carers understand the rationale for changes, you will be emailed this week the standardised score your child achieved in the English and Maths tests. The letter will contain details which will help you to understand where your child is currently at and what we will be doing to help and support them to continue to make progress from their starting point with us. Please look out for an email towards the end of the week.

Finally, I stupidly gave you the wrong date last week for the **Year 10 GCSE evening**. My apologies. The correct date is **Thursday 6th January**.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Kind regards



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