



Armthorpe Academy

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

5th February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Sadly, we've been hit significantly by COVID once again this week with student infection rates higher than at any point during the pandemic. From year group closures at other schools in Armthorpe, it appears infection rates are still high in the community. Please ensure you remain vigilant and your child continues to use the lateral flow tests twice weekly to minimise the spread of infection in school. Thank you.

Careers and Apprenticeships

To coincide with National Apprenticeships Week 2022, Alex Burghart, Minister for Skills, has written to students and parents about the opportunities and benefits apprenticeships can bring to young people. The intention of the letters is to encourage students and parents to consider apprenticeships when they are thinking about career choices. Should you be interested in finding out more, the Minister's letter is attached for your reference.

Community Engagement Survey

Consilium Community Engagement Survey

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Your opinion is important!

Have your say and help shape the future of our Trust. Head to the links above to share your thoughts and have a chance to win £100 in Amazon vouchers.

Survey closes 21st February

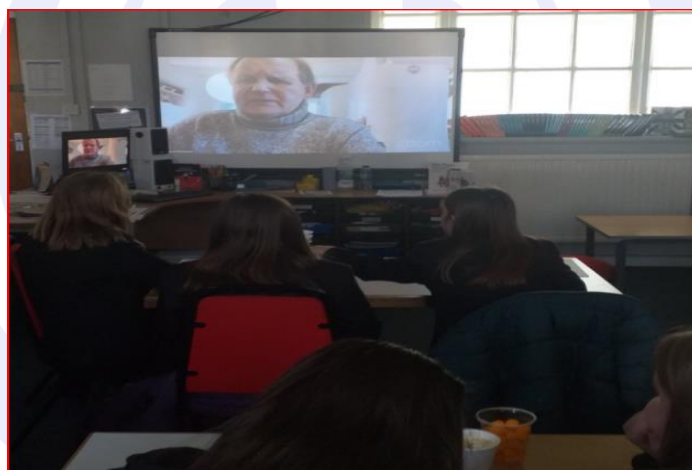
Just a reminder that the trust is seeking community voice to continually help us grow and develop. Thank you to parents/carers who have already completed the survey. If you haven't and wish to do so, the link is attached to the body of the email. We would appreciate your thoughts.

Holocaust Memorial and Values Programme

We were delighted some of our keen readers were able to join Michael Morpurgo and the National Centre for Children's Books at an online event to provide an insight into the life and writing of Judith Kerr as part of Holocaust Memorial events. Just a reminder that the library is open every break and lunch time for students to access.

Our weekly Values programme linked to our school values to foster personal development, will focus on the Holocaust next week.

This week our students have been discussing democracy and particularly the current political debate in our country. Interestingly, 84% of our student body thought it was time for Boris to resign!



Vandalism in School

Sadly, I spoke to all our students on Friday about their behaviour choices when 'no-one is watching' and particularly the respect, or lack of it, some individuals have for our school building and other users. I enclose pictures taken from the toilets at the end of the day on Thursday when the leadership team with the site staff were at school until 7pm in the evening unblocking toilets. I'm sure you will agree this is completely unacceptable disrespectful behaviour and certainly not behaviour you would tolerate at home.



This is not a reflection on school, it is a reflection on the behaviour choices of a very small minority of our students who are someone's children. We cannot and should not have to staff toilets throughout the course of the day. These actions have sadly forced us to staff toilet entry one in one out at break and lunch, but this detracts from our core business, which is talking to the students at break and lunch. Our first school value is respect. We will not tolerate this lack of disrespect, but we need your support. Please speak to your child about the importance of respecting others, their environment and themselves. It is not acceptable to enter a toilet with other students, and if these behaviours are seen (either by staff or on cameras at entry points) then 3-6 twilight provision in addition to the normal school day will be initiated with immediate effect for students involved. This makes a long day for the leadership team, but it is a provision we are willing to implement to ensure the poor behaviour of a small minority of students is eradicated and stops impacting on others. Unless students have a toilet pass for medical reasons or there is an emergency, entry to toilets will only be permitted before school, at break (20 minutes), lunch (30 minutes) and when leaving school. To clarify, this never leaves more than a two-hour period for a toilet break, a routine which also applies for the staff. We are confident these actions will quickly eradicate this 'fad', but we expect your full support should your child be found to be vandalising our building.

Anti-Social Behaviour in the Community

The police have been into school this week to liaise with us regarding an increasing level of anti-social behaviour by teenagers in the community. Again, this is not a reflection of the school, this is the behaviour of someone's children on an evening, behaviour which is the responsibility of parents/carers. We are lucky that the new facilities can be used by the community on an evening; we have some fantastic sports facilities, which it is great the community can enjoy. However, it is important to note, groups pay to hire the facilities. **The school site is not a playground or recreational area for students on an evening.** Unless students are with an official group, they should not be on the school site on an evening; children doing this are causing a nuisance. The police have stated any further reports by facilities staff will result in police intervention. Again, this is easily solved, please speak to your child and monitor their whereabouts on an evening. If we are made aware of individuals through CCTV footage, we will inform parents and the police if asked, but this is the responsibility of parents/carers.

Despite the negative end to this week's newsletter, there is some great stuff going on in our school. As I write on Saturday morning, our Year 11 Health and Social students are in school revising hard with staff for their exam. Botheredness is the key! We must work together to address the small minority who aren't bothered then our school will be a fantastic place. Thank you for the continued support of the many of you who do care; your children are amazing. More success stories next week ...

Kind regards



Claire Robbins
Headteacher

Menu Week 1 : Week beginning 7th February

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Main Meal 1 | Chicken Korma and Rice | Roast Pork Dinner | Sweet Chilli Chicken Noodles | Pasta Bolognaise | Chicken Nuggets |
| Main Meal 2 | Meatball Sub | Cheese Burger in a Bun | Chicken Wrap | Pizza Slice | Fish Finger Butty |
| Vegetarian | Cheese Flan and Salad | Tomato soup with Cheese and Croutons | Roast vegetable and Tomato Pasta | Quorn Curry and Rice | Vegetable Nuggets and Chips |
| Bread (Daily) | Mixed Basket | Mixed Basket | Mixed Basket | Mixed Basket | Mixed Basket |
| Carbohydrate | Rice | Roast Potatoes | Noodles | Pasta | Chips |
| Vegetables | Peas and Bean | Mixed Vegetables | Ratatouille | Peas and Corn | Garden Peas |
| Salad | Boxed Salad to Order | Boxed Salad to Order | Boxed Salad to Order | Boxed Salad to Order | Boxed Salad to Order |
| Hot Jacket Potato | Beans, Cheese, Tuna | | | | |
| Hot Dessert and Custard | Chocolate Sponge | Peach Crunch | Lemon Sponge | Mixed Berry Crumble | Chocolate and orange Sponge |
| Cold Dessert | Fruit Pot Fresh Fruit | Fruit Pot Fresh Fruit | Fruit Pot Fresh Fruit | Fruit Pot Fresh Fruit | Fruit Pot Fresh Fruit |
| | Fruit Granola Pot | Fruit Granola Pot | Fruit Granola Pot | Fruit Granola Pot | Fruit Granola Pot |
| | Yoghurt | Yoghurt | Yoghurt | Yoghurt | Yoghurt |
| | Home Bakes Cookies | Home Bakes Cookies | Home Bakes Cookies | Home Bakes Cookies | Home Bakes Cookies |