



**Armthorpe  
Academy**  
*Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions*

24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Year 11 Families – Thank you and goodbye**

I would like to start this week with a heartfelt thank you. When I started at Armthorpe in January 2021, I had to wait 4 months until I met our Class of 2022. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with them since. Adversity often brings togetherness. Despite the various challenges presented by the pandemic, our staff and students have worked tirelessly together. I will certainly never forget the Class of 2022! My first Year 11 cohort at Armthorpe, but also a genuinely lovely set of students who we will miss immensely. Regardless of the outcomes, we are immensely proud of the resilience and responsibility they have demonstrated both independently and collectively. Whilst enforced, their experiences over the last 18 months are invaluable life skills that will see them succeed in their GCSE studies at Armthorpe and beyond. The staff have been truly humbled by the students' gratitude, kind words and immense array of gifts. On behalf of the staff body ... thank you. We are looking forward to saying our final goodbyes at the Prom on Wednesday. Thank you to all the parents who have sent me pictures to make the event a unique evening. Just a reminder, students can start to arrive at the venue from 6:30 onwards. Photographs can be taken outside with family members, but only Year 11 will be permitted inside the venue. Welcome drinks will be served at 7pm followed by a two course sit down meal at 7:30pm. Once everyone has eaten there will be an awards ceremony followed by a disco. Students must be collected by 11pm.

### **Year 10 Exams**

As Year 11 leave, the GCSE journey begins in earnest for Year 10. I will be speaking with the year group on Monday about the importance of the next 4 weeks, but just a reminder that mock examinations begin on Tuesday. Students must be in school for 8:15 in readiness for a prompt 8:30 start. To mirror the 'real' process, we will be contacting all parents whose children are not in school by 8:30. The year group have made an encouraging start. Following my newsletter and assembly with the students a couple of weeks ago, it has been great to see so many of the year group already using revision cards to help them remember key facts. I know from speaking to some parents you have also been helping at home, so thank you. If for any reason your child has lost the timetable, it is available to view on the school website.

### **Year 9 Options**

Year 9 options are now formalised. The year group will be completing GL reading tests the week beginning the 6<sup>th</sup> of July. This will help inform what support and intervention individuals will need moving into Key Stage 4 to access their option choices independently. Parents will be informed of confirmed option choices and intervention groups before the end of the academic year. Intervention in KS4 is bespoke and personalised for all students, this changes half termly dependent upon need. For example, in our current Year 10 cohort, there is an English group striving for a grades 7-9, whilst another group are concentrating on consolidating knowledge required to secure a grade 4 in Maths. If you have any specific questions about intervention, staff will discuss with you on enrolment day. Alternatively, if you wish to speak to us earlier, please contact Miss Hanquinioux ([sarah.hanquinioux@consilium-at.com](mailto:sarah.hanquinioux@consilium-at.com)).

### **Our Students Excelling in the Community**

It was lovely to see so many of our families enjoying themselves at the Armthorpe Jubilee at Shaw Wood last Friday. Nothing makes me prouder than when I receive emails from parents about our students excelling beyond the school gates ...

Well! What an afternoon yesterday was! I'm emailing you tho because I want to tell you how well the boys at football represented your school. They were amazing with the little kids, they looked smart, their behaviour was impeccable, an absolute credit to you. After your school closed on Friday, loads of the kids came down to enjoy it, they were all ace! It really was a proper community thing and I'm so proud that my kids are part of these schools!

Well done all!

The Year 9 boys were not keen on a picture but were thrilled when I told them about this email. Representing our school with pride boys. Well done to:

Bobby C  
Luka T  
Jack W  
Alfie J-W  
Sam F

I also received an email this week from one of our parents about one of our budding Year 8 photographers whose pictures have been published in local forums. Ambition is one of our five school values; I am sure you will agree Jake L has a bright future ahead if he keeps capturing shots like these

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Well done Jake L!



Next week, the spotlight across the academy will be on Year 7. The leadership team will be active in lessons looking for work of 'rainbow standard' (which demonstrates all our key values) to share with you.

### Enrolment Day

We will be starting the 2022/23 academic year with our annual enrolment day on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. This is an opportunity to meet 1:1 with families to discuss the year ahead, reaffirm our expectations and disseminate key information. Please look out for an email next week to make a convenient appointment for your family.

Have a restful and enjoyable weekend!

Kind regards

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