



Newsletter 02: 23rd September 2022

Working Together to Improve Standards and Share Success

News from this Week

Planners are finally here!

All students now have their planner for the year. Just a reminder that an empty planner is a good planner in terms of praise and reward. Positive points are already issued assuming good behaviour choices will be made. If staff initials are evident over a credit it means:

- RS: Your child was either late to the lesson or did not settle as expected to complete the retrieval starter.
- E: Your child did not have a standard item of equipment (planner, pen, pencil, ruler).
- C1: Your child received two warnings for low level disruption in the classroom.

Please check and sign your child's planner for this week. In conjunction with Class Charts this enables you to keep a track on their behaviour for learning. Attendance stickers are also in the planner. Just a reminder that to access our Half Term 1 Rewards Event – Inflatables in the Sportshall, students must have:

- Attendance of 95% or above.
- A positive net behaviour for learning score (a score above zero).
- No suspensions from school.

We expect planners to remain in good condition. Students should not deface or doodle on planners – they are a book. We have bought a planner for all students. We will ask parents to fund a replacement should students deface or lose the planner.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We are making progress in our goal to ensure every student accesses at least one extra-curricular activity each week. We are up to nearly 60% now – we will keep pushing! An additional PE activity has been added this week to the timetable; table tennis now takes place in the activity studio each Wednesday. Music clubs will be starting at dinner time next week. Thank you to parents for encouraging your child to enjoy the wealth of enrichment on offer.

Student leadership forms have distributed this week to apply for the **school council**. Please feel free to support your child with the application process. A copy of the form is attached with the newsletter this week just in case your son/daughter decides over the weekend to apply. The deadline for applications is 3pm on Monday afternoon. There is a box outside Mrs Robbins' office.

Working Together Coffee Mornings

Thank you to parents who attended our first KS3 coffee morning. Miss Hanquinioux enjoyed talking to families about our Key Stage 3 curriculum. We hope parents that attended found it informative. We would love to see more of you at our next event. Mrs Donkin will be discussing SEND at our next event on Tuesday 15th November, 9-10am. Please put the date in your diary if this is an event you are interested in.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 28th September - Year 11 Working Together Evening

Our **Year 11 Study Skills Evening** will take place this Wednesday, apologies for the postponement last week, some of the 6th form providers due to attend cancelled. To maximise the success of the event, we wanted as many stakeholders as possible in school. The event will start at 5pm on Wednesday with:

- An explanation of the year ahead, the 'Passport to the Prom', how GCSEs are awarded, your key role as a parent working with us and Post-16 options.
- Practical English, Maths and revision workshops to support revision.
- An opportunity to meet with a range of 6th form providers. Confirmed attendees to date include: St Leger Homes (apprenticeship scheme), GTA Mechanics, Doncaster New College, Opportunities Doncaster, Doncaster College, Hall Cross, ADV Transport and Infrastructure College. We are awaiting on confirmation from: Club Doncaster, RAF, Navy, Army, UTC and Ridgewood.

The evening will conclude at 7pm, so a carousel format after the initial introduction from Mrs Robbins, will ensure there are ample opportunities for everyone to access all the sessions. To give us an idea of numbers, we would be grateful if Year 11 parents could complete the form below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/U1aCTCMYD3>

Year 10 parents, please note, we are planning on a similar structure for Supporting Your Child with GCSE studies evening in November.

Community Collaboration

We have been in discussion this week with two local sports clubs to try to widen opportunities further for our students.

Doncaster Town Cricket Club are now coming into school every Friday.

Doncaster Knights Rugby Club will be starting sessions in the forthcoming weeks, particularly aimed at increasing the participation of girls. We are hoping to enter a Rugby 7s team from school in May, but we need players ...

It is great that community links mean our students can benefit from specialist coaching also available in the community. If your child is interested in either of these opportunities, please encourage them to see Miss Rusby, Head of PE.

Please note the opportunities available in the local community too. Further information can be found on the Doncaster Knights website in the Mini Juniors section.



Welcome to Doncaster Knights Mini Juniors

As one of the top clubs in the North of England, we offer young players a unique opportunity to learn and play in a professional setting and take advantage of some of the best facilities in South Yorkshire. We are proud to be an RFU Accredited Club and nothing is more important to us than aspiring the next generations of players.

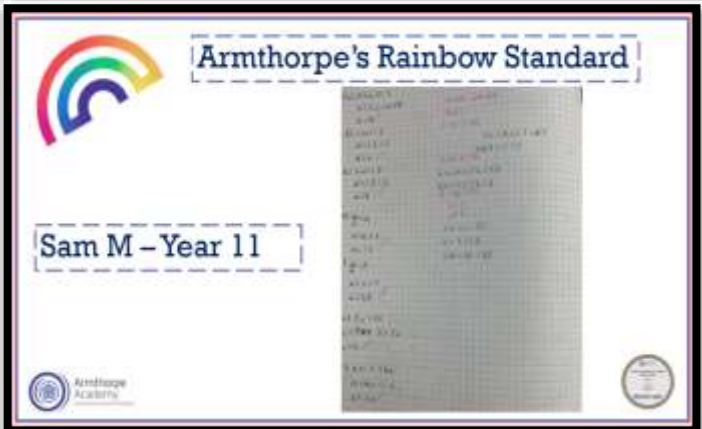
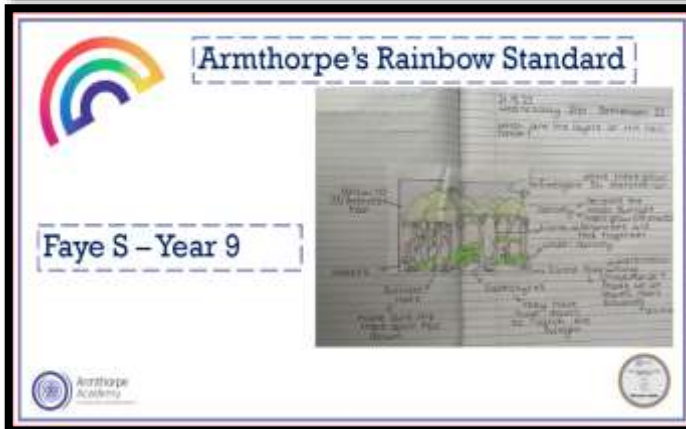
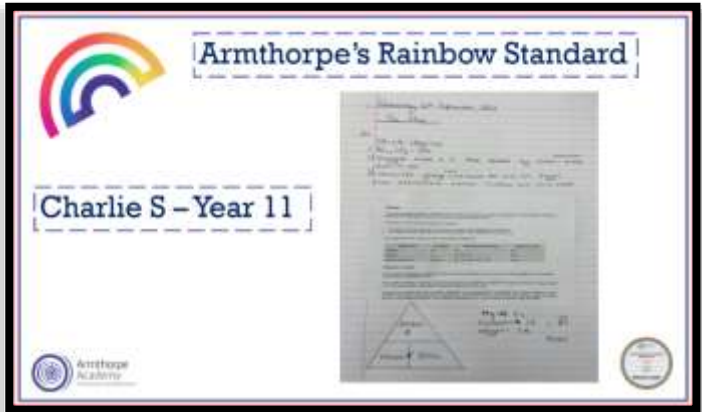
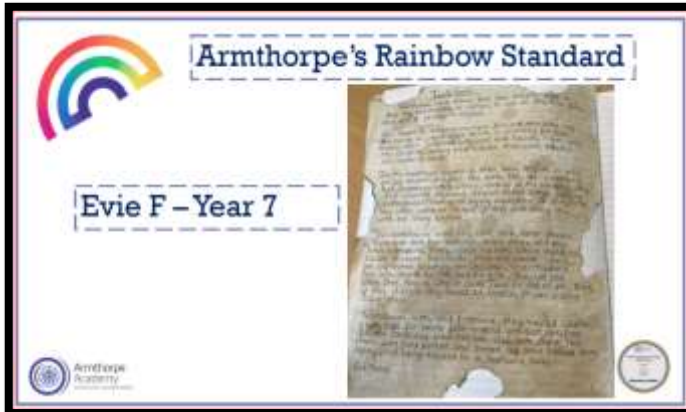
The RFU'S core values of **Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship** are five great reasons to get involved with rugby, they are what makes rugby union so special, and we are here to help your son or daughter start their journey.

We provide age grade training & fixtures for U7's (YR1) right through to Colts (YR13) and are always happy to welcome new members to our growing rugby community. For very little ones aged 4-5 years (Reception) we provide Micros which allows us to start to introduce basic rugby skills in a fun, playful environment.

Sharing the Success of our Students

This week the leadership team have been in many classrooms around school photographing the work of students displaying our 'rainbow standard', as discussed on enrolment day. If your child receives a 'Legend of the Week' award, it also means they have met this standard; a standard of excellence to aspire to every hour, every day.

Last week, we shared Charlie's embodiment of our values beyond school. This week we celebrate work produced by our students either at home or in school which has required resilience.



Well done to all our Rainbow Stars this week! More to come next week ...

Have a restful and enjoyable weekend.
Kind regards

Claire Robbins
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