

Newsletter 06: 23rd October 2022

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News from this Week

Inflatables Fun!

Just over 70% of our cohort enjoyed the inflatables in the Sports Hall on Wednesday. Much fun was had negotiating the assault course, flying down the slide and bouncing on the castle!



A visit from Dame Rosie Winterton, MP

A group of students represented our school council on Friday posing some excellent questions to Dame Rosie. Amongst other topics our students quizzed her about the environment, democracy, the current voting age and what change a labour government would bring for the young people of Armthorpe. Well done to all students involved; they were fabulous!



Year 11 exams

Year 11 made a fantastic start to the exam window participating in a walking talking mock with the English team on Thursday and then working with great focus and maturity on Friday. All students have now been given the exam timetable. To support Year 11 parents, the timetable is attached to the newsletter this week.

Attendance – Resilience and Responsibility

Again, thank you as always to parents/carers who are sending their children to school each day. Year 11 have once again excelled this week with attendance above the national average at 96.4%. We are extremely proud of the effort Year 11 families are making, but everyone else must now follow.

Date w/c	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Overall
05.09.22	98.4	96.3	90.4	96.6	91.3	94.3
12.09.22	94.8	94	89.5	90	92.3	92.3
19.09.22	94.4	92	87.3	87.3	91.3	90.7
26.09.22	94.8	91.9	84.7	87.5	90.8	90.2
03.10.22	93.7	91.6	89.3	89.6	90.8	91.2
10.10.22	93.4	91.3	91.4	86.9	94.5	91.6
17.10.22	92.1	89.7	89.7	91	96.4	91.6

The improvements in Year 11 attendance over the last couple of weeks show our door knocking and 7am phone calls are having an impact. We are relentless because we know our students need to be at school to achieve.

Next steps

Over the next half-term, we will be purchasing mobile phones for all our Heads of Year so morning calls can be made to students in all year groups. We will be out in the community knocking on doors from 8am. **Please do not waste our time or resources if you plan on taking your children out of school on holiday by not informing us. If your child is not in school for two days or more, we will door knock, hence identify holidays where illness is being cited. In**

instances where this happens, attendance will be unauthorised and holiday fines will be initiated whether you have informed us or not. Please just be up front and honest with us, so we can deploy our resources wisely.

Upcoming Events

Just a reminder that Monday 31st October is an INSET day. **All students return to school on Tuesday 1st November.**

Certificates will be distributed to all students next week who had positive behaviour for learning scores last half term. Just a reminder negative points are deducted from positives to give the net score.



The following certificates will be awarded:

0-499 points	Bronze award
500 – 999 points	Silver award
1000 – 1499 points	Gold award
1500 – 1999 points	Platinum award
2000 – 2499 points	Diamond award
2500 plus	Double diamond award

Our rewards programme will be reset for all students. In response to student feedback the criteria will change slightly this half term with the following criteria applicable from Tuesday 1st November to Friday 9th December:

- 95% attendance or above from (1 day of absence)
- A positive behaviour for learning score
- No suspensions or full day isolations
- No comments made that need to be logged on the Communicate with Kindness tracker.

Students will be reminded on the first week back of how we expect them to speak to one another and what is and is not acceptable. Any use of derogatory language, homophobic language or name calling that discriminates against protected characteristics will be recorded on the tracker.

The reward activity will be a choice of film or sporting activities in the last week of term.

Health and Safety

As part of our Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs Policy, we are currently reviewing the information we hold on students with asthma. If you have already notified us that your child has asthma, you will shortly receive a school asthma card along with a consent form for the use of an emergency salbutamol inhaler. Please ask your child to return the completed card and consent form to the main office. **If your child does have asthma and you haven't already notified us, please email arm-enquiries@consilium-at.com to enable us to update our records.**

Uniform

The standard of school uniform has been much better this half term. Thank you for your support. Just a reminder as the weather gets colder and wetter, **hoodies are not permitted in school.** Outdoor coats are suitable. Any hoodies will be confiscated at the day and returned at the end of the day. Please ensure your child chooses appropriate clothing.

Community Collaboration

We spotted through our Twitter feed (@ArmthorpeDN3) earlier in the week, a tweet from the Doncaster School Nursing team.

A new service has been launched aiming to support people with autism and their families. For further information, please google Doncaster Autism Service or follow the links on the poster.



The poster for Doncaster Autism Service (DAS) features a rainbow-colored infinity symbol at the top left. Below it are logos for Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board, and Doncaster Parents' Voice. The title 'About Us' is in a rainbow font. The text describes DAS as a new service for people with autism and their families, a collaboration between Doncaster Council, NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board, Doncaster Parents' Voice, and Doncaster Partnership for Carers. It lists services offered, including information, advice, guidance, signposting, health and wellbeing therapies, telephone befriending, workshops for parents/carers, counselling for parent carers, social groups, family activities, forums, and school visits. It also mentions newer services like a post-diagnostic support pathway and free counselling for adults with autism. The poster concludes with contact information: Telephone: 07536 455292, Email: das@doncastercarers.org.uk, Address: Doncaster Carers Centre, 2 Regent Terrace, South Parade, Doncaster, DN1 2EE, Facebook: facebook.com/doncasterautism, and Website: currently under construction.

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AUTISM SERVICE

About Us

Who are DAS?
Doncaster Autism Service (DAS) is a new service, aiming to support people with Autism of all ages and their families.

DAS is a collaboration between: Doncaster Council, NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (formerly Doncaster Clinical Commissioning Group), Doncaster Parents' Voice, and Doncaster Partnership for Carers.

What do DAS offer?
Some of the services DAS will be offering already exist through local providers such as DPV but will be now be offered under the DAS umbrella, making them easier to access. These include:

- Information, advice, guidance, and signposting to other specialist services and organisations
- Health and wellbeing therapies
- Telephone befriending
- Workshops for parents carers
- Counselling for parent carers
- Social groups, events, family activities
- Forums to make people's voices heard
- School visits and professional training

Newer services include:

- A post-diagnostic support pathway for newly-diagnosed adults featuring 1-2-1 and group workshops covering a wide variety of topics
- Free counselling for adults with Autism

Over time DAS aims to expand its range of services and for a wider range of people, including but not limited to:

- Post-diagnostic support for people of all ages and with historical diagnoses
- A wider range of workshops, particularly for teenagers and young adults
- Counselling for younger people
- Greater integration with local organisations and providers, from community and voluntary groups to local authorities and NHS departments.

Where can I get more information?

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I am currently sat writing the newsletter listening to a downpour of rain and wind constantly howling against the windows. I hope the weather picks up to enable our families to spend some quality time together in the fresh air over the coming week. There will be no admin staff in school all week, but as always, if you have any questions/queries, please do not hesitate to contact us when staff return to school on Monday 31st.

Take care and stay safe. Have a wonderful week!

Kind regards



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