

Newsletter 10: 26th November 2022

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News from this Week

Mock Interviews

Year 11 were an absolute credit to themselves and our school this week, as they each participated in a 1:1 interview with employers from the local community. This was the first of a range of careers activities planned for all year groups as a result of our new partnership with Doncaster Chamber.

Prior to the interviews Mrs Robbins and Mr Abraham had demonstrated a mock interview with the students in assembly. The year group have also been analysing what makes a good and a bad interview in their PSHE lessons.



All the preparation clearly paid off, as the feedback from employers about our students' skills was fabulous. Thank you to our Year 11 parent/carers too, as I know from speaking with our students, many of you have been practising the initial handshake, introduction and eye contact with them. Students will be receiving individual feedback written by employers this week, which we will continue to develop with individuals. The top three interviewees chosen by employees on the day will receive a Headteacher's stamp this week and I'll be making positive phone calls home.

Whole school attendance

Whole school attendance has dropped again this week. Whilst we appreciate there are some genuine bugs around, please ensure your child attends school each day on time. We will be actively out and about in the community once again from 8am next week targeting trends from data analysis this week. We should not have to knock on doors to get children up, but we will. We have noticed two main patterns this week:

- Lateness due to students stopping or diverting to B&M to buy sweets in the morning. We will have staff outside B&M this week to ensure no-one enters after 8:15 thus making them late for school.
- Families frequently missing school on a Friday. We will be door knocking targeted families who seem to think this is acceptable.

Thank you as always to the many families who are working with us to increase the life chances of our young people by ensuring attendance to school is above 95%.

Upcoming Events

Monday 28th November – Year 10 Careers Drop Down Day


Year 10 have an Employability Skills drop down day on Monday 28th. The year group will be off timetable all day rotating around 5 businesses; CWE Limited, Go Green, Doncaster Council, This is Me Training and Employability/Mental Health. This will give students the opportunity to learn more about the world of work generally and particularly the workforce in our local area.

Year 10 Mock Exam Timetable

I spoke with Year 10 about their forthcoming mock exams on Thursday. The year group listened well and demonstrated great maturity. Students have been given two copies of the timetable; one for their blazer pocket and one to keep at home. For parents' reference, a copy is detailed overleaf. Students are aware they need to be in school for 8:20am to register in time for 8:30am. This gets the students automated to the systems we will use throughout the next two years. Clear pencil cases are required in the exam

hall. These can be purchased very cheaply from either B&M or Amazon Prime – also retailers can also be used! If students can stock pencil cases now, they can be used throughout the next two years.

Exams at this stage will use exam style questions but are not full papers. They simply examine the curriculum taught since September to enable us to see what students know and remember. The practical subjects will mirror the real exam/coursework, but again, are for much shorter periods of time just to allow us to start to build familiarisation. Students asked any questions they had, but if you are unsure of anything as a parent/carer, please do not hesitate to contact us.

 Armthorpe Academy <i>Empowering Lives, Inspiring Ambitions</i> Year 10 Mock Exam Timetable: December 2022			
Date	8:30 registration in the activity studio for 8:45 start	11:00 registration in the activity studio for an 11:15 start	1:00 registration in the activity studio for a 1:15 start
Monday 5th December	Maths (1 hour 30 minutes)	Business (60 minutes)	
Tuesday 6th December	Science (1 hour 30 minutes)	Food (50 minutes)	
Wednesday 7th December	English (50 minutes)	Option Block B: Art (60 minutes) Photography (60 minutes) I Media (2 hours)	
Thursday 8th December	Geography (60 minutes) History (50 minutes)	Option Block C: Art (60 minutes) Photography (60 minutes)	Catch-up session
Friday 9th December	MFL (60 minutes)	Performing Arts (2 hours) Health and Social (2 hours) Sports Studies (2 hours)	Catch-up session

Performing Arts Showcase with a Christmas Twist

It has been lovely to see so many students taking part in our music, dance and drama extra-curricular activities. For the first time since I have been at the school, we now have a choir, which brings me much joy. We also have students who have chosen to study Performing Arts as one of their option subjects.

On **Thursday 15th December** our students will be showcasing their work for all to see. Entry to the event is free, but to enable us to plan, seats must be booked. The event will commence in South Hall at **6pm**. If you would like to book a ticket, please complete the form below. Tickets will be distributed to your child in school. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible to support our students and bring an end the school term in style.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Yz8XyH1rai>

Year 8 Residential

Just a reminder that the deadline for the deposit for the Year 8 residential is the 2nd December. If you have any questions/queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Petrie (andrew.petrie@consilium-at.com).

As always take care and stay safe. Have a wonderful week!

Kind regards



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