

Newsletter 13: 16th December 2022

Working Together to Improve Standards and Share Success

News from this Week

The final newsletter of the calendar year ...

Sporting Success

The table tennis team have been in competition once again this week, drawing 2-2 against Hungerhill. Well done to all performers but particularly Vlad A, Amirali M, Kryspin S, Landry P, Dipesh R and Dilan C. They only lost two games collectively in their matches.

Photographers at a Local Fashion Show

Four of our GCSE photography students took part in a fashion show organised through our links with Doncaster Chamber, where refugees and young people with learning difficulties designed and made clothes around the theme of flower power. Our students worked with a professional photographer to shoot throughout the show. Well done to Zach T, Alyssa M, Amelia B and Rachel G – great demonstration of our school values, particularly pride and ambition.



Performing Arts Showcase



Thank you to all parents who attended the showcase on Thursday evening to support our students on stage for the first time in school since the pandemic. It was great to see nearly 50 students involved with varying levels of experience. It was lovely to see our more experienced and accomplished performers supporting students on stage for the first time. It takes great bravery to perform on stage in front of a packed house, so congratulations and well done to all our students involved.

Changes to teaching groups in Year 11 and 7

Following mock examinations and CATs tests for students over the last few weeks, groupings will be adjusted accordingly over the Christmas break. Year 7 parents will receive a letter after the Christmas break explaining CATs results and any class changes. Year 7 will be re-issued with new timetables on the second week back.

I have spoken to Year 11 as a group at length, and with individuals this week, to explain setting changes being made to support GCSE progress. Details will be emailed to all Year 11 students over the Christmas break. There is a Year 11 parents' evening on Thursday 2nd February – please make a note of this as we would like to see as many parents as possible to support next steps before the next mock series in March.

Safety in the Community

Sadly, following a tragedy this week whereby four boys died playing on a frozen pond, we just wanted to remind parents of the danger of young people playing on frozen water. We are aware a lot of our students meet and spend time at the 'Pit Top'. Please speak with your son/daughter about the dangers of frozen ice and extremely cold under-currents. See flyer attached.

Launch of SIMS Parent App

To supplement Class Charts, we will be launching the new SIMS Parent app which will allow you to monitor your child's attendance, achievements, behaviour reports, homework, and test results. You will have access to their student diary and timetable, giving you greater oversight and assurance over your child's wellbeing and safety. Alongside these benefits, the app will also allow us to communicate much faster with you, allowing you to keep up to date with events at the school, such as trips or closures, parents evenings, after-school sessions, and enable us to effectively communicate the progress your child is making with us. You will be able to use the app to update your contact details so we always have the most up-to-date information in case of emergency. Please look out for correspondence in January ...

Return to school

Just a reminder that we return to school on Tuesday 3rd January. We look forward to seeing students ready to start learning at 8:30am.

On behalf of the staff and board of governors at Armthorpe, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to working with you all again in 2023!

Kind regards



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