

## Newsletter 18: 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### Working Together to Improve Standards and Share Success

#### News from this Week

##### Behaviour expectations

As part of our welcome back to school following the half-term break, we reminded all students of our rules and expectations. At the start of this week, we reiterated that behaviour is always a choice, with reward for positive choices and consequences for choices which are outside of our expectations. We have seen some fantastic learning in school this week with the vast majority of students showing great respect, responsibility and pride in their work.

Our rules and expectations have not changed. They are in place to ensure our staff can teach and our students can learn in a disruption free, safe, and respectful environment.

For clarity, in line with our school values, we simply expect all our students to show respect and take responsibility. This means:

- If a student swears directly at a member of staff, they will be suspended from school.
- If a student is out of a lesson without a planner signed, they will go to isolation for the remainder of the day.
- If a student enters or leaves a toilet with a peer, they will go to isolation for the rest of the day.
- If a student refuses to go to isolation, they will be suspended from school.

We would encourage parents and carers to keep using Class Charts. For example, we can see that for every negative point given this week, five positive points have been awarded. As always, there will be a rewards event just before Easter to reward the majority of our students who continue to display our school values in abundance. You can track your child's behaviour for learning choices through Class Charts.

##### Uniform

Next week, we will be reiterating our uniform rules to students. Our rules have not changed. We decided to give a week's grace following half term so that everyone could settle back into our routines. However, as of Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February, we expect all students to be wearing appropriate uniform, including wearing school shoes and blazers.

A plain black jumper is optional and does not replace the blazer. Our uniform rules can be found on Page 9 of your child's planner.

Our rules have not changed regarding wearing coats. Students can still wear a coat. All coats must be taken off before entering a classroom. Teaching staff meet and greet students at classroom doors. Students simply need to remove coats before entering the room, so they are ready to learn immediately once they sit down.

We understand that the cost of uniform can be a burden for some families, but as always, we are here to work with parents/carers to buy shoes if necessary, or supplement until families are paid. There is also the option of the Armthorpe APEC charity, details of which can be found below.



### **Well done to the Table Tennis Team**

The Table Tennis team narrowly lost 3-1 to Hayfield in the Doncaster Schools Final. We had previously finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league only losing to Hayfield to qualify for the final, winning the other 5 matches and drawing one. To finish second out of a total of eight schools was a terrific achievement. To then lose narrowly in the final was a great effort by the students who played. Representing the school were Landry P, Jovan S, Leo F, Oskar D, Olly O'K, Krystian M, Kryspin S, Kacper S, Dilan C and Amirali M. Well done boys!

### **The Week Ahead ...**

#### **Year 11 mock examinations**

Year 11 mock examinations commence on Monday. All students have been issued with an exam timetable this week. The timetable can be viewed using the following link: [download.asp \(armthorpeacademy.org.uk\)](download.asp (armthorpeacademy.org.uk)). It is imperative students are on site for 8:20 at the latest so they are registered by 8:30am. Students should register in the activity studio each morning. The blue activities are revision sessions or subject masterclasses taking place prior to the exam. These sessions will be with subject teachers and are compulsory for all students.

#### **Industrial Action – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

You are probably aware that the second day of industrial action is due to take place by staff in the NEU union next Tuesday. This will significantly reduce the number of staff we have in school, therefore to ensure health and safety measure can be maintained, a partial closure will be necessary.

School will be open for:

- All Year 10 and 11 students.
- Any students with an EHCP or looked after child – if you would like to book a place, please contact Mrs McKinna ([dawn.mckinna@consilium-at.com](mailto:dawn.mckinna@consilium-at.com)). Likewise if your child is entitled to a free school meal please email if your child wishes to collect a 'grab bag'.

Remote learning will be in place for all students in Years 7, 8 and 9. Students will be provided with work to complete at home for the day on Monday. This will be also be emailed to all parents on Monday evening.

**School will be open as usual for all students on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.**

Should there be any change to the planned strikes as a result of consultation, I will update you on Monday.

Have a good weekend!

Kind regards



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