



# Parent Newsletter

## Welcome



Firstly, welcome to the new style of parent newsletter. Hopefully you can access this format ok and it makes reading my updates a bit easier for you all.

This will be a weekly/fortnightly newsletter keeping you in the loop of all the things that have happened at the Armthorpe Academy whilst also letting you know what we have coming up in the weeks ahead.

Its been a busy couple of weeks since I last wrote to you, most of which is explained in the next section. I do have a very quick survey that I'd love for you to complete this week. It will take a couple of minutes maximum.

A huge thank you to those parents who have been in to see me to talk about your experiences and your child's experiences previously at Armthorpe, I'm under no illusion as to what needs to be done to make Armthorpe great again, and I look forward to working with you to make that a reality.

## What's Going On @Armthorpe



### Staffing Updates

I am pleased to announce a few new additions to the Armthorpe team, these colleagues will be joining us in the upcoming weeks. These are the 1st staff that I've interviewed and appointed, I'm delighted to have such experienced and dedicated people on board helping me achieving my vision for Armthorpe.

Amanda Thompson - Business Support Officer

Dhanni Smith - Key Stage 3 Inclusion Manager

Jenny Burton - Key Stage 4 Inclusion Manager

### Extra Curricular Updates

Its been great seeing so many of our young people get involved in after school sport clubs and seeing them representing the school in competitive matches. Check out @ArmthorpePE on X (twitter) for updates on all things sport here at the Academy. Highlights this week were 45 students representing the Academy against Goole, and a great turn out to netball practice with Yr10's helping our new Yr7's learn the rule and tactics of the game!

### Trips & Visits

This week saw 70+ Yr11's attend their Geographical site study, thank you to the staff and students for making this such a positive event, despite the weathers best efforts to spoil it! We've also launched this week a number of trips to sporting venues including Champions league football and Sheffield Steelers Ice Hockey to name a few, speak to the PE team for more info.

### Music

I'm extremely proud to announce our new Head of Performing Arts Mr O'Rourke has got back in contact with the Doncaster Music HUB and has been instrumental (no pun intended) in bringing back

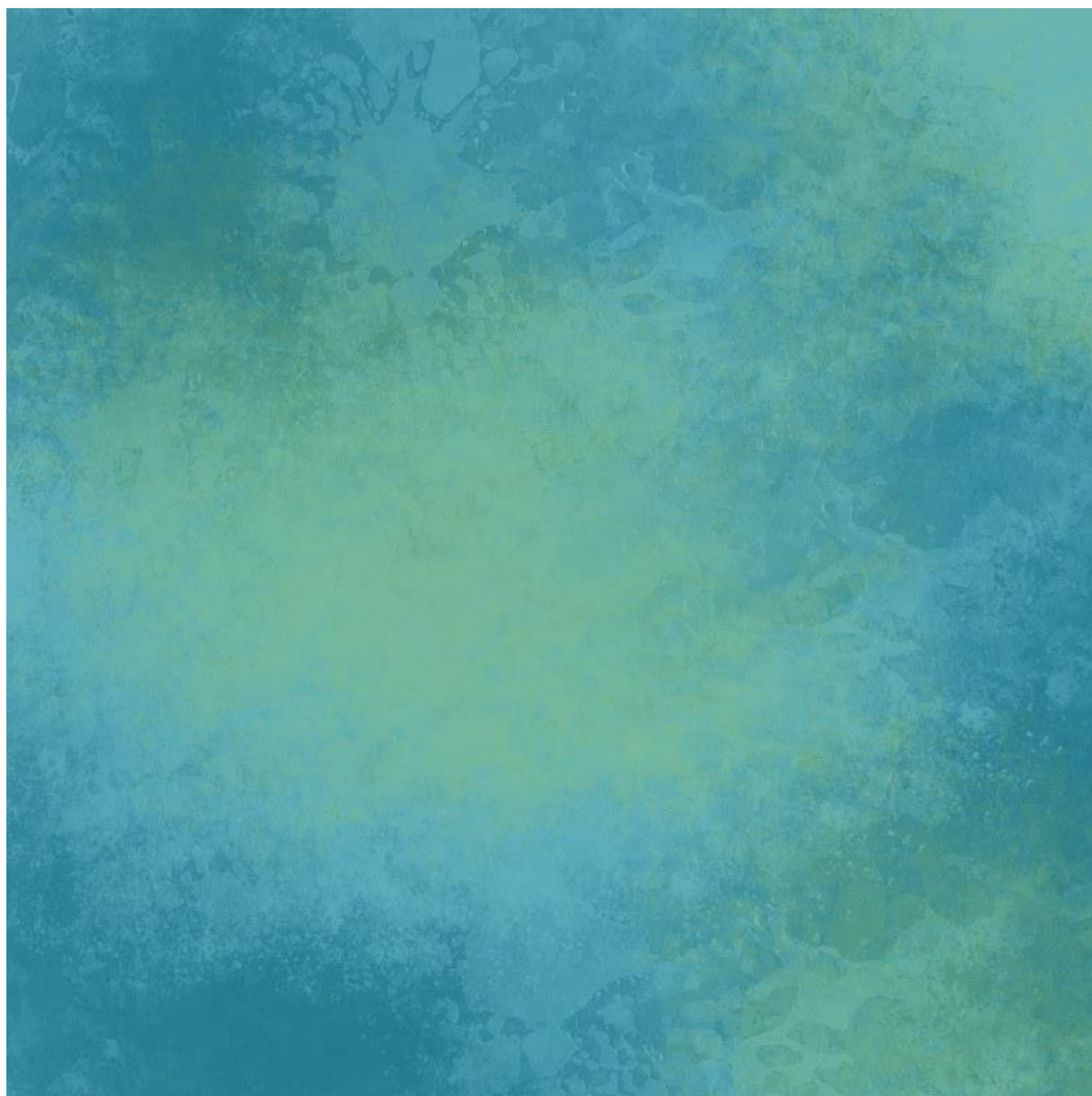
music lessons to our students. More details to follow shortly but again I'm really proud we can bring this back into our school.

### **Outreach**

As well as meeting many of the parents of my students I've also been able to get out and meet with members of the Armthorpe Community. I had the pleasure of spending the morning in Shaw Wood last week, meeting the staff and students and getting involved in their learning. It's crucial that all our feeder schools see and know me and my team and I'll be getting out into more of them over the next few weeks.

I also had the pleasure of meeting a representative from Doncaster Boys Football club and discussing how we rebuild the partnerships that used to exist before COVID. More to come on this but it was great to get Chris in and chat sport and partnership working.

## Important Updates



### Yr5 / Yr6 Open Evening

On Thursday 5th October we have our Yr5/Yr6 Open Evening. The event will run from 4.30pm - 7pm. I've attached the poster to this email. **Please be aware school will close at 1.30pm that day, students will be permitted to leave school after 12.55pm (end of period 4) we will of course keep the canteen open until 1.30pm but all students (except those helping at the event) will be off site by 1.30pm.**

### Work for Us

I am still looking for people to join my team, I currently have vacancies for Teaching Assistants, an admin assistant, an ICT support Technician, a site caretaker and a catering manager. If you are interested or know someone that might be, please do get in touch to find out more about the roles, or go to <https://www.consilium-at.com/the-trust/vacancies> for details.



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# Year 5 & Year 6

## OPEN EVENING

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 16.30 – 19.00  
Headteacher Welcome 16.45 & 17.45

Explore our facilities, meet our dedicated staff, students and new Headteacher Mr D. Bisley.  
Register your interest by scanning the QR code.



## Parent Survey



Please take 2 minutes to complete the survey below, its only 1 question this week, but a really important one.

*If you could change/introduce one thing about the Armthorpe Academy right now, what would it be?*

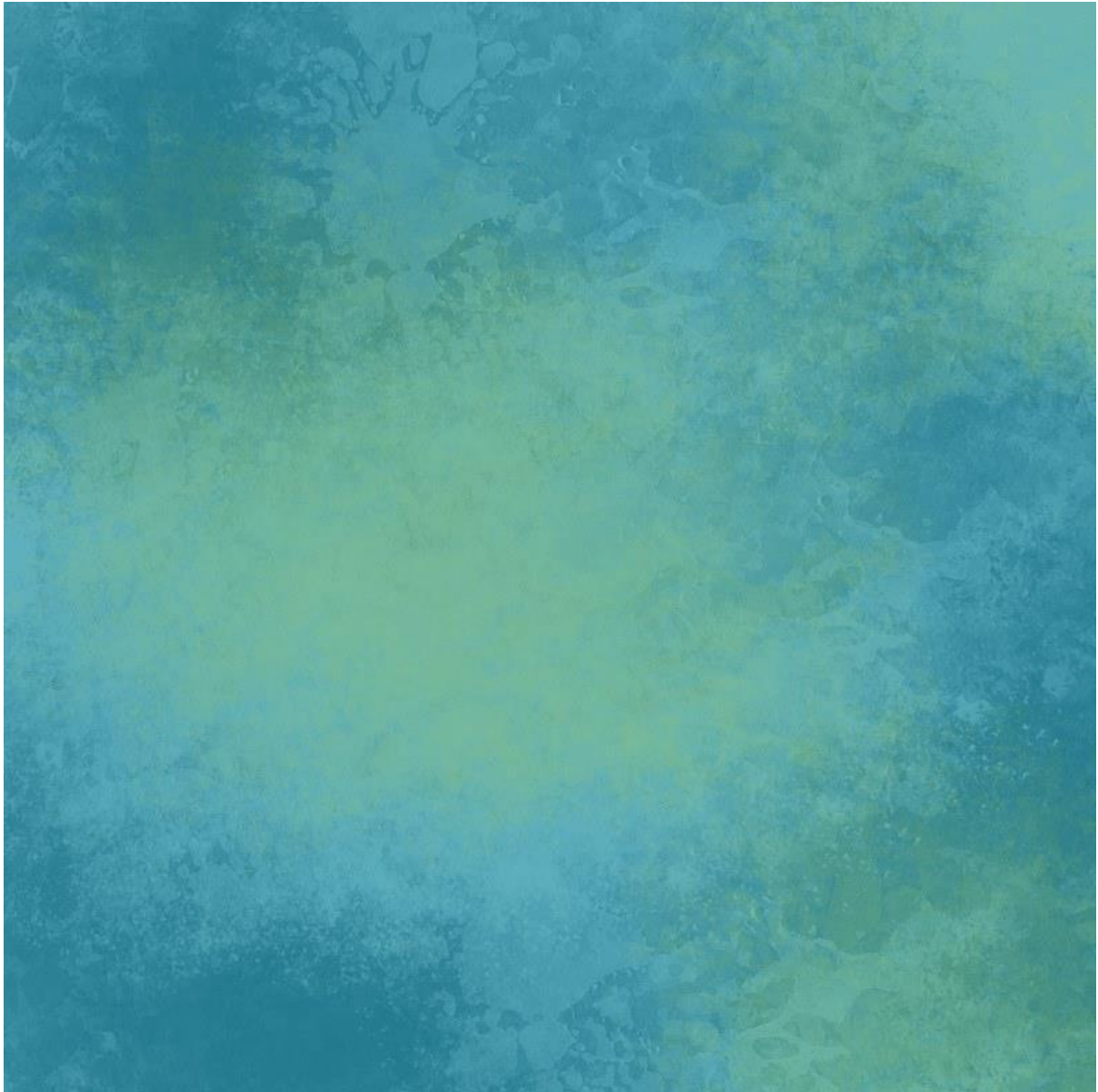
Use the link or QR code below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/GyyQ6vgzmf>

## Parent 'Change' Question



## Get in Touch



Thank you again for your positive feedback so far, we're not there yet but we're closer than we were a week ago!