

22 December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Term 1 is now complete and what an amazing term it has been! I hope you enjoy the latest edition of the Academy newsletter, which highlights all the splendid work, experiences and achievements our young people have been involved in – simply fantastic and true South Axholme Mindset! (Link below).

On this note, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the dedicated staff at South Axholme Academy for their unwavering commitment and hard work in organising numerous trips and visits this term, which have enriched our students' experiences. I appreciate their efforts, often taking place in their free time and requiring significant organisation.

The kindness and generosity of parents/carers of the academy never ceases to amaze me and I hope this Christmas the children bring you great joy, as well as doing kind and thoughtful things at home to support what can be quite a stressful time for many families. Should there be any families who would like any support or guidance from us, please do not hesitate to get in touch in the New Year.

Newsletter

Please see our latest Newsletter highlighting all the amazing student achievements and experiences as well as some key information to parents and carers HERE - [NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2023](#)

Staffing Updates

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed a Subject Leader for Design Technology, Mr Nadin, who will join us in January 2024.

Year 7 Intake 2024 – Oversubscribed for 7 years!

The LEA (Local Education Authority) have confirmed South Axholme Academy is once again oversubscribed again for September 2024 with another high number of Year 6 applications. The local authority (North Lincolnshire Council) will confirm places in early spring.

Uniform

Again, thank you for your continued efforts in making sure our students have had the correct uniform especially during a time when all families are experiencing additional financial pressures due to the increase in the cost of living. Your collective efforts are very much appreciated. We have several pre-loved items of uniform available free for families. Please contact the academy for further details should you require any additional support.

Uniform is particularly important to us, as it helps to establish the right attitude to learning and behaviour, which we pride ourselves on here at South Axholme Academy. Students learn about appropriate dress code, preparing them for the world of work. It also helps them to understand how,

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when wearing a uniform, they become a representative of the logo they are displaying. Finally, there is also a safeguarding element with staff able to identify our students when entering or leaving the academy.

A reminder of our uniform policy can be found by using this link: [Uniform Policy 2023](#).

We understand students do grow and / or some elements of uniform such as shoes, trousers and skirts either now do not fit or require replacement due to wear and tear. I would ask this is addressed in the holiday period. I have attached the uniform presentation shared previously and would ask that parents and carers check that their child is following this. Some uniform worn by some students currently does not meet the requirements, and this needs changing in line with the uniform policy. We thank you in advance for your support.

I would also like to draw your attention to acrylic / false nails, which are not allowed, and arrangements should be made prior to returning to the academy in January for these to be removed.

Students who arrive in January without the correct uniform will be supervised until parents can collect and / or change the uniform in line with policy.

Key Dates

The academy is closed until 8.20am on **Monday 8 January 2024** - students and staff return on this date.

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| • Thursday 11 January 2024 | History Trip Meeting - London Whitechapel, 5.00pm |
| • Thursday 11 January 2024 | John Leggott Trip, Oxbridge Conference (selected students) |
| • Thursday 11 January 2024 | Cross Country |
| • w/c Monday 15 January 2024 | Year 11, Scan Reports to Students and Parents |
| • Thursday 18 January 2024 | Hamilton Theatre Trip |
| • Monday 22 January 2024 | SAX Mindset Day 2 |
| • Tuesday 23 January 2024 | Macbeth Theatre Trip |
| • Monday 29 January 2024 | Year 9 Assessments (2 weeks) |
| • Tuesday 30 January 2024 | Wizard of Oz Theatre Trip and JLC Media Trip |
| • Thursday 1 February 2024 | Fuel Your Curiosity Newark College |
| • Wednesday 7 February 2024 | Dance Showcase, 6.00pm |
| • Friday 9 February 2024 | Last Day of Term |
| • Saturday 10 February 2024 | Ski Trip, Italy |
| • Monday 19 February 2024 | Students and Staff Return to the Academy (Year 11 Mocks) |
| • Thursday 22 February 2024 | Year 10 Parents' Evening |

Please enjoy the break and from all the staff, students and Governors at South Axholme Academy we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Barlow
Principal