

19 July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, thank you to all our parents and carers for their support this year. Our continued positive partnerships continue to play a vital role in our children's success. The students have continued to make me so proud with their enthusiasm for learning and commitment to excellence have been truly inspiring. To our dedicated staff, your unwavering support and passion for education have made a profound impact on our students' lives. Thank you for your tireless efforts and for fostering a nurturing and caring environment.

It has been another amazing year at South Axholme Academy, and I hope you have an opportunity to read our latest newsletter, which highlights some of the brilliant achievements and experiences throughout the last term (*available via the link at the bottom of this letter*).

Returning to School in September 2024

As we prepare for the new academic year, I wanted to provide you with some important information regarding the traditional staggered return to the academy during the week beginning Monday 2 September 2024.

The staggered return schedule for students will be as follows:

Monday 2 September: Teacher Training Day (no students in school).

Tuesday 3 September: Years 7 and 11 students only return to the academy.

Wednesday 4 September: All Year groups return to the academy.

We are looking forward to welcoming our students back and to another successful academic year.

GCSE Results Day

Our Year 11 leavers can collect their GCSE results between **9.00am - 11.00am on Thursday 22 August 2024**.

Uniform

Again, thank you for your continued efforts in making sure our students have had the correct uniform, especially during a time when families may be 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

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appropriate dress code, preparing them for the world of work. It also helps them to understand how, 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](#).

Please ensure your child fully complies with the academy uniform policy. Please pay particular attention **to school shoes and trouser style**. May I also highlight false nails, false eyelashes and piercings must be removed prior to returning in September. Students should make arrangements for piercings in the first week of the holiday to allow them to be removed on return. We have spoken to all students this week about uniform and the expectations. We understand there may have been some inconsistencies or lack of clarity regarding the expectations, so I have attached a presentation given to students this week.

Some uniform worn by students currently does not meet the requirements, and we have explained that on purchasing new uniform this needs to adhere to the policy, or students change into existing clothing that meets the uniform policy. We thank you in advance for your support.

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

Staff Updates

As always at this time of the academic year, we say goodbye to colleagues who are moving on to the next chapter of their careers or lives. I would like to thank them all for their services and wish them well in the future. Please find below details of our new staff, who will join us in September.

We wish our departing staff well for the future as they leave us for new ventures,
Mr Brooks - Geography Teacher, Mrs Smalley - History Teacher and Mr Edenbrow - Cover Teacher.

New Teachers who are joining us in September

Mrs Holt	Science Teacher
Mrs Hyland-Smith	Subject Leader Food
Mrs Modhah	Science Teacher
Mrs Bouttell	Teacher of Geography
Miss Bowyer	Teacher of Humanities
Mrs Hurst	Teacher of MFL

Summary below of Progress and Achievement Leaders for 2024 - 2025:

Progress and Achievement Leader Year 7 – Mrs Lee
Progress and Achievement Leader Year 8 – Mrs Haigh
Progress and Achievement Leader Year 9 – Mrs Hall
Progress and Achievement Leader Year 10 – Mrs Clarke
Progress and Achievement Leader Year 11 – Mr Hickin

There will be some changes to Form Tutors with new staff arriving or changes to the academy staffing structure and these will be shared in September. Student form bases will be shared prior to the September start, so all students know where to go on their first day back in September.

From 19 August 2024 Penalty Notices for School Attendance are changing.

A reminder to parents and carers regarding holidays in term time.

The DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure or recreation to be an exceptional circumstance. It is for a Headteacher / Principal to consider any requests for exceptional leave of absence, prior to the absence being taken. Should this be declined, the school will consider a referral to Education Inclusion for consideration of either a penalty notice or prosecution process.

A Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised leave of absence, or general school unauthorised absence the amount will be: **£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days**

Keeping Children Safe During the Summer

All students have received during the final week, a special assembly celebrating their achievements this term as well as strategies to support them during the summer. Information for students in keeping safe over the summer can be found on their individual Year Group Team.

Academy Hours – School Re-opening

Please note the academy is closed from 19 July and re-opens on Monday 2 September 2024. Please be mindful that should you need to contact the academy during the holidays, it may not be possible to respond to emails sent to admin@southaxholme-iet.co.uk immediately, as they are not monitored on a daily basis throughout the holidays.

We do, however, have skeleton staff in during the week commencing 19 - 23 August 2024. We will respond to any urgent queries during this period. Alternatively, should you need to purchase any last-minute ties, you are more than welcome to pop in and see us.

Finally, I wish all our students and staff a very restful and safe summer.

Please see the [Link to Summer Newsletter Here](#)

Yours sincerely



Mr S Barlow
Principal