

4 April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Easter Update

As we approach the Easter break, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter and to reflect on what has been an excellent term at South Axholme Academy.

This term has been filled with incredible achievements, dedication, and hard work from both students and staff. We have seen fantastic progress in the classroom, impressive performances in extracurricular activities, and a continued commitment to excellence across the academy. Our students have demonstrated resilience and enthusiasm in all areas of their learning, and I am extremely proud of what they have accomplished.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our staff for their unwavering commitment to delivering high-quality education and support, as well as to parents and carers for your ongoing encouragement and partnership. Your role in shaping the success of our students cannot be underestimated.

As we look ahead to the final term of the academic year, we remain focused on ensuring that every student continues to thrive. Exam preparations will be a key priority for many, and we will be providing additional support and guidance to help students achieve their full potential. Alongside this, we have an exciting programme of events, enrichment opportunities, and celebrations planned, ensuring that our students continue to enjoy a well-rounded and inspiring educational experience.

Training to Teach

As Principal of the academy, myself and colleagues across the education sector continue to see a significant increase in the challenges faced in the recruitment of staff in all areas. You may have seen the recent media coverage highlighting the current situation within the sector and it would be remiss of me not to highlight this to parents and carers. Please be assured that as an academy and a Trust we continue to work tirelessly and proactively regarding recruitment and retention, so our students get the very best experience within their time at the academy. Any parents or carers who want to train to teach please see the link below which will provide specific local providers for teacher training.

<https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/schools-libraries-and-learning/train-to-teach-in-north-lincolnshire/>

<https://ucnl.ac.uk/subject-areas/teacher-training/>

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Any parents and carers who are seeking new job opportunities and would like to work in the education sector please see our vacancies section.

At the start of March, I received confirmation of the numbers for our new Year 7 cohort for September 2025. Once again South Axholme Academy continues to be oversubscribed with over 180 applicants for our new intake. We look forward to seeing them on Monday 30 June for their 3 -day induction programme.

I have highlighted below some key events and information of note, and would ask you to look out for the link taking you to our Newsletter (link at the end of this letter), which summarises some of the fantastic work and experiences our young people have had the opportunity to be involved in.

Easter Revision Programme Year 11, Monday 7 April – Thursday 17 April 2025

Year 11 students are required to attend course specific revision and preparation sessions during the holidays to support them for their examination.

Summer Examination Series

The summer examination series starts on **Friday 9 May 2025**

Please note that all Year 11 students must be available to sit an examination on Tuesday 11 June (PM) and Wednesday 25 June (AM and PM), as this is the contingency day set by the examination boards.

Students will be attending school as normal during the summer examination period. Students will be attending their normal scheduled lessons or a pre-examination class when not in an examination.

Full attendance throughout the examination period is vital if students are to perform at their best.

SAX Mindset Day 3

Our next SAX Mindset Day will take place on **Thursday 1 May 2025**, this day promises to have a range of activities and experiences designed to engage and inspire our students.

Please note that students will be off timetable on this day. Further details about the programme for the day will be shared with each year group in the summer term.

Year 7 and 8 Parents' Evenings

The Year 7 Parents' Evening will take place on **Thursday 24 April 2025**, and Year 8 on **Thursday 8 May 2025**, between **4.30pm – 7.30pm**. These events will take place in school. Information will be shared prior to the event, and bookings will be made online via Arbor.

Year 11 - Prom 2025

The Prom venue has been selected by the Senior Student Leadership Team for 2024. Again, we will hold the event at the Garden Inn Hilton in Doncaster. The date of the Prom is **Friday 20 June 2025**, and students should arrive for 6.30pm. Arrangements should be made to collect students from the venue at 11.00pm.

Further details will be provided when we return after Easter to those students who are eligible to attend the prom.

Equipment

Please ensure your child has the basic equipment they require for a school day. This includes full uniform, school bag, pencil case including pens, pencil, ruler, eraser, pencil sharpener, green pen, whiteboard, whiteboard pen, highlighters, and calculator. The academy does run a non-profit stationery shop each day before school and at break. Students should ensure they are fully equipped for when they return. Students who continue to not have the correct equipment disrupt the start of the lessons and this impacts on them and others learning. Students who continue not to follow the academy rules on equipment will be supported in line with academy Achievement and Behaviour policy.

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.

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.

Returning to School

Students and staff return to school on **Tuesday 22 April 2025** for the summer term.

Bank Holidays

Please note the academy is closed on **Monday 5 May 2025** for the Spring Bank Holiday

I hope this Easter break provides a well-deserved opportunity to rest, recharge, and spend time with family and friends. Thank you once again for your ongoing support and commitment to South Axholme Academy. I look forward to welcoming everyone back for what promises to be a fantastic final term of the year.

Newsletter

Please see the link to the newsletter available on the academy website of a snapshot of this term's achievements and activities [SPRING NEWSLETTER](#)

Wishing you all a happy and restful Easter.

Best regards,



Scott Barlow

Principal

South Axholme Academy