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and a whole lot more from South Axholme Academy



CEO of IET Sarah Sprack

At the recent awards evening at South Axholme Academy, I spoke about the rapidly changing world we live in and how technology is beginning to dominate our day to day lives, with people texting or using social media to communicate rather than meeting people face to face and engaging in "real" conversations and activities. Thanks to technology, we are all able to communicate with each other at any time of the day or night, to access video footage, music and information 24/7 which means that for some, they are never able to switch off.

In all of our academies we work hard with students to encourage and support them to be mentally and physically healthy.

Over the festive season, I hope that you are all able to take time out to look after yourselves and your families; to switch off and to find time to enjoy being with each other and maybe even have a digital detox!!

I wish you all a safe and restful festive period, and look forward to working with you all again in the new year, fully charged and ready to tackle all that life has to throw at us.



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New beginnings

I am extremely proud and privileged to write to you after my first term as Principal at South Axholme Academy. Having been at the academy for over 15 years I have had the honour of working with some fantastic students, staff, governors and leaders. My aim is to continue to move the academy forward and deliver a high quality, holistic education that every child deserves. The South Axholme Mindset is at the heart of everything we do at the Academy. I want to ensure every student Expects Excellence, is Respectful, Resilient and Ready to make a difference in the world. The South Axholme Mindset Curriculum will ensure that our students leave the academy with knowledge and skills which will not only create excellent opportunities in work but will also prepare them exceptionally well for life beyond the academy.

I would like to welcome our new Year 7 who are now our biggest year group in the academy with 204 students from over 25 primary schools across the Isle of Axholme, Doncaster and Nottinghamshire. Similarly, our largest Year 12 cohort are just about to complete their first term in our 6th Form after their amazing GCSE results.

What a term it has been! Within this edition of Inform you will receive a flavour of the amazing breadth of experiences your children receive! I am proud to be their Principal and proud to lead this amazing Academy! Thank you for your continued support.



Scott Barlow
Principal

South Axholme Academy is in the
Top 5% of schools
in the UK for Progress!

**Highest 3 Year Average
for Progress**

in all secondary schools in
North Lincolnshire, Doncaster
and Gainsborough!

Highest attaining school
in North Lincolnshire!

**Highest attaining school
for English
and Mathematics**
in North Lincolnshire!

GCSE Presentation Evening

On Wednesday 13th November the class of 2019 returned to collect their GCSE certificates as well as to receive special subject awards and trophies for Academic Excellence and Progress. Chair of Governors, Stuart Wilks and Chair of Isle Education Trust, Paul Barratt presented the students with their awards and certificates.



Ellie Slater

Matthew Allison



Beth Larcombe



Oliver Buttrick

Subject

Art – In Memory of Melanie Millergill
 Art (Fine) – In Memory of Lorna Taylor
 Business Studies
 Dance
 Hospitality
 Design Technology Product Design
 English
 Expressive Arts
 Geography
 History
 ICT
 Languages/French
 Languages/Spanish
 Maths
 Media
 Music
 Science
 Biology
 Physics
 Chemistry
 Girls' Sport
 Calum Glendenning Award for Boys' Sports
 Principal's Award for Outstanding Effort
 Principal's Award for Outstanding Effort
 The Dawson Cup for Service
 The Johnson Cup for Service
 Old Scholars Cup
 Academic Excellence + Good Conduct
 Rotary Award (Girl)
 Rotary Award (Boy)

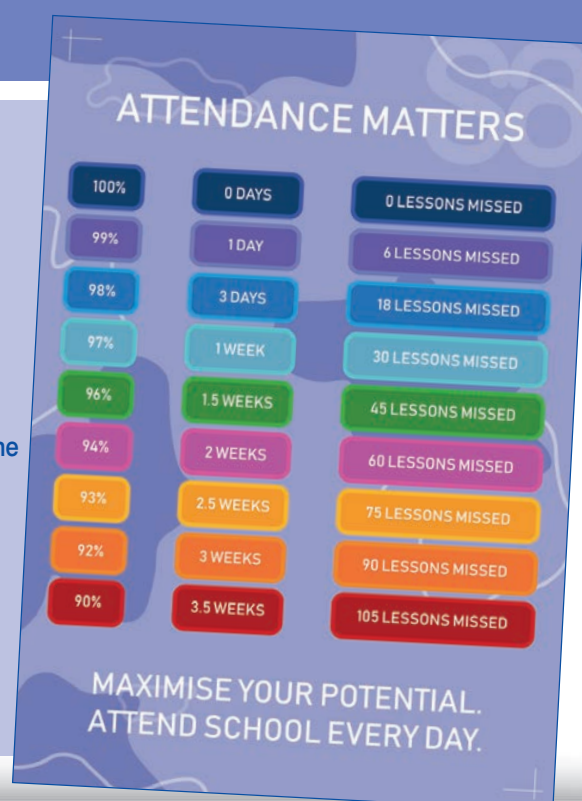
Student

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 Lucy Allen
 Ronald Chipman
 Madeline Simpson
 Tobias Downes
 Fraser Bray
 Sabrina Chow
 Alexia Heighington
 Daniel Bates
 Oliver Buttrick
 Nathan Milner
 Sophie Lama
 Isabella Isik
 Harry Reddish
 Evie Fanthorpe
 Ellie Slater
 Samuel Tattersfield
 George Metcalf
 Aaron Forbes
 Megan Lister
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 Matthew Allison
 Beth Larcombe
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 Callum Taylor
 Sophie Lama
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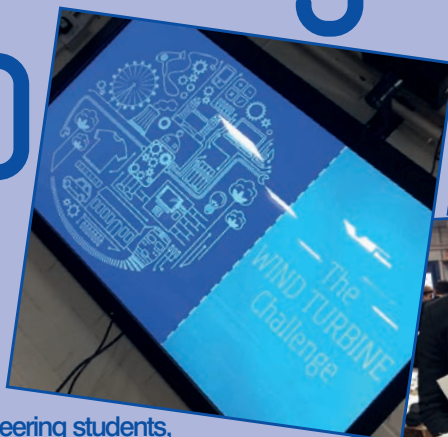
Attendance Matters

As part of our weekly tutor activities we discuss with students their attendance and the importance of attending school. With a minimum Academy attendance target of 97% it is important students and parent are aware of the impact of missed sessions. We would ask that parents try as much as possible to make essential appointments outside school hours or during holidays to minimise the disruption to their child's learning.

Thank you to all those parents who continue to support the Academy in its drive for excellence in attendance.

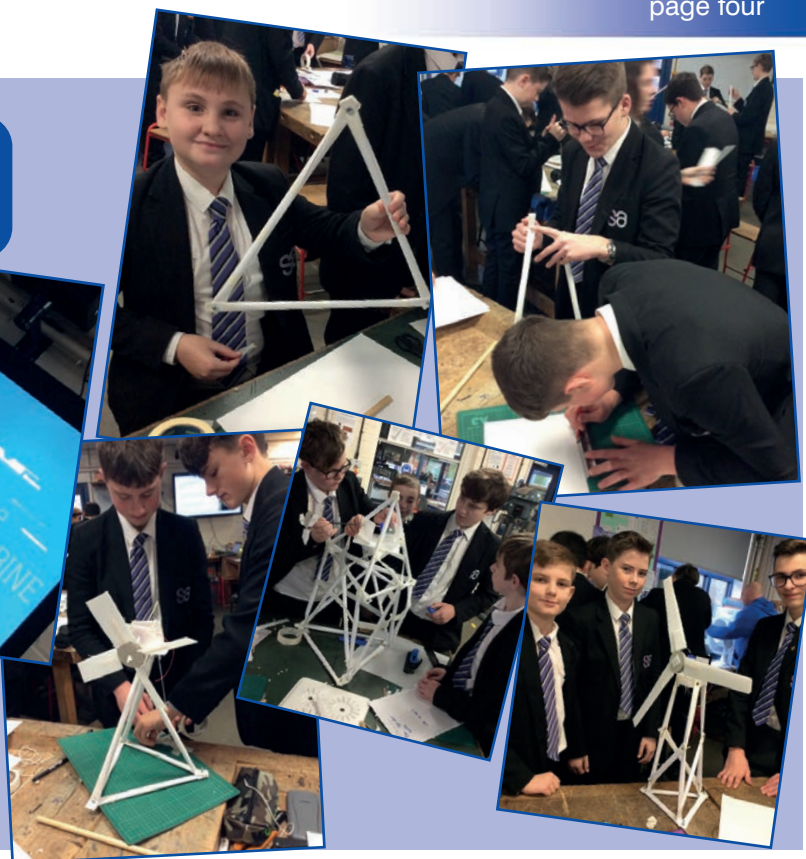


Engineering STEM Day



A fantastic day for Year 9 Engineering students, enjoying a STEM day challenge.

Supported by the Smallpeice trust, students worked in teams to design and construct a wind turbine in order to generate the greatest amount of electricity.



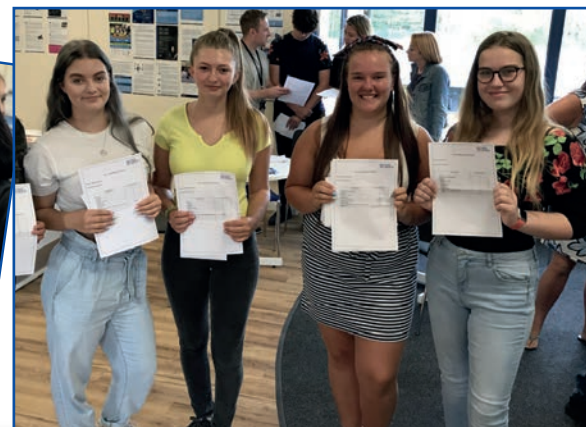
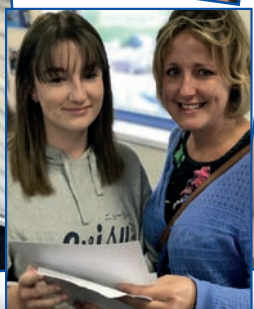
GCSE Results Day 2019

South Axholme Academy has done it again with another year of phenomenal results. The atmosphere was buzzing as students and their parents arrived to collect their envelopes containing the all-important grades that everyone had worked so hard for. There were so many success stories and so many subject areas that have performed fantastically, it's hard to find just a few headlines to share!

In our 6th Form, we had a record number of applicants this year, all wanting to stay with us and build upon the amazing grades they have achieved at Key Stage 4.

With students making on average half a grade better progress than targets, and over 80% gaining a pass in English and Mathematics it's easy to see why everyone was smiling ecstatically.

CEO of IET Mrs Sprack commented "We know we are an outstanding academy and days like today with results like we have secured just go to prove it! We are also proud of the diverse range of subjects in which students have gained brilliant results. In Business, Dance, Music, PE and Drama 100% of students gained a 9 to 4 grade, whilst Chemistry, Physics, Biology, RE, Engineering and IT all had over 85% of students who passed (grades 9 to 4)"



Careers Guidance at SAX WiME Event

50 female students across Years 9 and 10 visited the WiME event in Grimsby – WiME is a Humber based programme led by industry to drive positive change in terms of gender balance in the workplace.

Students learnt that women make up less than 10% of the UK engineering workforce and that it is a sector with a significant skills gap.

The event challenged stereotypes and led to students considering these roles as real career paths.

During the visit, students had the opportunity to hear first-hand from women who already work in the industries and were able to have a hands on experience of some engineering activities to test skills and build confidence.

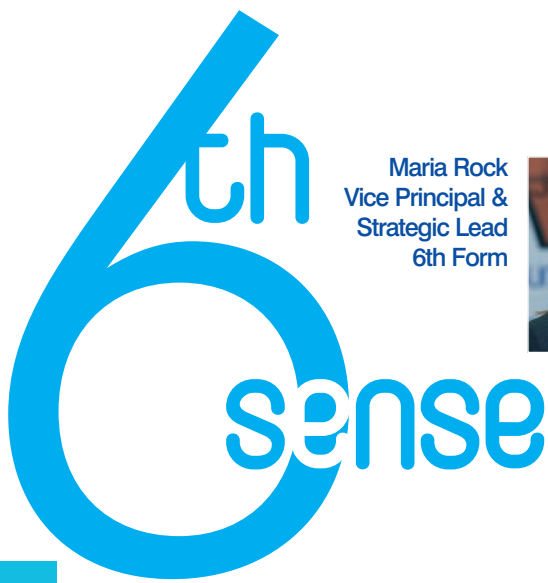
All 50 students took part in a quiz at the event (and were all placed in the top third of entries) – 8 students from SAX won the quiz and were awarded a 'Give an hour' prize from Phillips 66.



Open Evening

Early in September the Academy held its Year 5 and 6 Open Evening. Around 500 parents and students attended a very busy evening where they had an opportunity to see departments in action and talk with staff and students. Thank you to the 200 SAX students who came for the evening to help. Record applications for 2020 have been received and parents will be contacted in the Spring regarding whether they have successfully secured a place.





Maria Rock
Vice Principal &
Strategic Lead
6th Form



Work Shadowing

Name: Ciaran Downing

Name of Company: 8Point8 Training

Date of Placement: 4th and 5th November

Nature of work carried out by the company:

They provide a large variety of training for external companies, such as first aid at height for riggers who are currently installing 5G antennas.

Did it live up to your expectations?

I expected it to be like the typical office job and I was right. I was receiving phone calls and organising bookings for places on courses. I also contributed to course development by working on pre-written course materials. On the second day I was able to experience the more practical side of the company when I actually undertook a first aid course myself.



Name: Olivia Lane

Name of Company: Coppice Special School

Date of Placement: 4th and 5th November

Nature of work carried out by the company:

Special needs school, for example intensive interaction and sensory activities.

Did it live up to your expectations?

My work placement surpassed my expectations and I enjoyed it a lot more than I had first anticipated. At times it was a lot more challenging than I first expected however I dealt with it well and my work placement mentor was very helpful and explained many of the procedures/methods of dealing with all of the different needs of the children to make my time at Coppice a lot easier. All of the staff were so much nicer than I could have ever expected, they were very warm and friendly and continually checked up on me throughout my time there.



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arrange a visit to South
Axholme 6th Form
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Name: Fraser Bray

Name of Company: Assured Agronomy

Date of Placement: 4th and 5th November

Nature of work carried out by the company:

Provide services based on client requirements from full agronomy services to strategic advice. Covering Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire they provide advice on all aspects of crop production to clients' businesses.

Did it live up to your expectations?

Exceeded my expectations as it's an extremely different side to farming than I'm used to and I've learnt a lot about the advanced technology used in today's farming and how this will only become more advanced in the future.



More Amazing Results

It's not too late to apply

...join us at
**South Axholme
6th Form Academy**

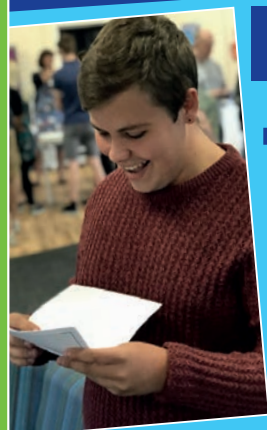
**100%
pass rate
A* to E**

**69%
entries A* to B
grades**

**Maths
84%
A* to B**

**Business
100%
Distinction**

- Range of academic and vocational qualifications
- Specialist and committed A level teaching team
- Small class sizes and personalised pastoral support
- Vibrant social space and dedicated study centre
- Individual guidance and informative 'Prepare' programme
- Wider opportunities for personal and social development
- Transport available
- Football Academy



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SAFA

South Axholme Football Academy continues to go from strength to strength. With additional players enrolled, the team now play in the AoC Sport Yorkshire & Humber Men's League Invitation A travelling as far as Carlisle, Bradford and Scarborough. They continue to receive high quality coaching alongside their academic studies.



NCS Winners

South Axholme Academy has been awarded Champion Schools status due to our commitment and support of the NCS (National Citizen Service) during 2018/2019.



NCS is a 4-week programme delivered by Scunthorpe United CSET through the EFL Trust. It is an opportunity for young adults to experience something new, meet new people, learn new skills and give back to their community. Collectively across the Yorkshire and Humber students delivered 120,000 voluntary hours to benefit their local areas.

This year, 38 students from South Axholme took part in NCS. Out of 146 schools in the Yorkshire and Humber region, we were 1 of only 14 schools to win the Silver Award.

Where are they now?

Billy Orton from the class of 2019 is now an apprentice joiner with Taylor Wimpey and North Lindsey College.

He says his greatest achievement to date was getting his apprenticeship and South Axholme Academy helped him to get the GCSEs he needed.

One piece of advice Billy would give to our current students is "take advice from teachers and parents. If you feel as if you don't want to do A levels or sixth form, there are facilities at South Axholme that will assist you in pursuing a different course."



Discover Day



50 Year 8 students from South Axholme had the opportunity to engage with Discover day in Doncaster, as part of the Creative Careers Programme. This year over 500 employers from across the creative industries opened their doors to thousands of students aged 11+ to inspire and inform the next generation of workers. SAX were paired up with Darts, CAST and Doncaster Heritage Museum where students took part in interactive experiences across the three venues, providing them with meaningful encounters with both employers and employees as well as offering them information and insight into some of the lesser-known jobs that exist across the creative industries.

Highlights of the day included students curating their own collection of artefacts, creating descriptions for unknown objects, performing their own dance routine using dance moves discovered from the staff of Darts which symbolised their job within the sector and were lucky enough to visit the backstage lighting section of CAST.



Edale

Our Year 11 Geographers enjoyed two days in the beautiful Peak District during October. The visit allowed students to experience vital field work in preparation for their exam next June.



Children in Need 2019

This year South Axholme Academy raised money for Children in Need by running the annual duck race. The fantastic Year 11 duck sellers raised an amazing £201, with William Martin in Year 9 winning the event by randomly selecting his duck, Beakwell Tart. We further supported the charity raising £46 with a guess the number of sweets in the jar.



SAX Mindset-Excellence

Over the last term there have been lots of great examples of students showing the South Axholme Mindset to achieve excellence. Here are some of them. If you have any stories showcasing your child's excellence please email admin@southaxholme-iet.co.uk

British Champion

Year 11 student Scott Ogden has secured a sponsored ride in the 2020 Junior World Motorcycle Championship on a Honda 250 Moto3 machine. He was rewarded with the opportunity after winning the British Talent Cup Championship at the Silverstone race track in July.

Shortly after receiving that news, he was invited to take part in the Red Bull Rookies selection event in Spain, where ninety teenagers from every part of the world battled for a place in the Red Bull Rookies championship a race series that is run as a support event to the Moto GP world championships across Europe every year.

Scott also clinched the British Motostar championship at Brands Hatch in October and, along with his British Talent Cup title, this makes him the first British racer to take two national championships in the same season since 1994. He can now go on to show his potential in the Junior World Championships.



SAX Mindset Pledges

New for September 2019 are the South Axholme Mindset Pledges. We believe that students should have the opportunity to be personally developed beyond the curriculum. To encourage students to take part in both extra-curricular activities and activities in the community we have created 10 South Axholme Pledges. Students will need to evidence how they have met these pledges throughout their time at the Academy and have their pledge sheet (in journals) signed off. They can then purchase small pledge badges for their blazers showing the number of pledges they have completed. Please support your child in achieving some of the South Axholme Mindset Pledges.



Yorkshire Cricket Finals

Congratulations to our Under 13 Cricket team who managed to make the finals day of the Joe Root Challenge Cup. As regional winners they played their semi-final against Kettlethorpe Academy. Skipper Harvey Round won the toss and elected to bat. A fellow Yorkshire County player opened the batting for the opposition and quickly accelerated the score. A couple of quick Freddie Gannon wickets slowed the scoring of the team from Wakefield finishing on 118 from 20 overs.

The South Axholme innings got off to a terrible start. Disaster struck in the first over with skipper Round leaving early. Joseph Barlow steadied the ship hitting the top score of 24 but unfortunately the loss of continual wickets meant South Axholme finished short of the run chase 77-9.

In their 3rd and 4th place play off against Wickersley School, Rotherham, South Axholme batted first. Lewis Shillito and Joseph Barlow got off to a great start 46-0 after 10. Shillito went in the 11th over and Round came in and started to pick up the scoring. Assisted by the excellent Barlow (who scored a magnificent 50) they finished 118-2.

Ashton Coley grabbed a useful early wicket but then Wickersley started to pile on the pressure. In the 14th over they were 85-1 and looking on track to get the total. Eoin Cogley-Rock took a great high catch and then Barlow took another wonderful catch on the boundary to dismiss the dangerous openers. Wickets then quickly fell and South Axholme ran out 3rd place winners. A great day and medals presented by Sir Geoffrey Boycott who spent time with all the teams talking at the end. Congratulations to Ripon Grammar School who won the final! Thank you to all parents for their support!!



Sporting Excellence

It is great to see over 100 students each Monday evening taking part in the many extracurricular activities that go on at South Axholme.



Year 7
football
team



Year 9 football team



Year 8 football team



Year 7 netball team



Year 9 netball team

A Level Results Day 2019

On Thursday 15th August the Year 13 class of 2019 did not disappoint with some amazing A Level and Level 3 vocational results. Tears of joy for staff and students alike were shed as they realised their hard work had paid off! They all leave South Axholme ready for the next part of their lives in either University, Higher Level Apprenticeship courses or into employment. We wish them all success in the future!



Dates for
your diary

2020

Jan.

Tuesday 7

- Students and staff return to the Academy

Wednesday 8

- A Level Presentation Evening

Tuesday 21

- Enrichment Day 2

Wednesday 22

- Year 11 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 29

- Year 13 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 12

- Year 10 Parents' Evening

Friday 14

- Last day for staff and students

Saturday 15

- Ski trips depart to Italy Key Stage 4 & 5

Sunday 23

- Ski trips return to UK

Monday 24

- Students and staff return to the Academy

Wednesday 11

- Year 8 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 1

- Year 11-Supporting Your Child Through their GCSEs Evening

Friday 3

- Last Day for staff and students

Feb.

Mar.

Apr.

Sports Ambassadors 2019

Just part of our amazing Sports Ambassador team who have run many of the primary school festivals this term!



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