

20th July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: End of Year Letter July 2021

Despite a global pandemic we have had another really positive year at Arnold Hill, with plenty going on and lots of hard work from our staff and students. Our children have achieved many great things both in and out of the classroom, in academic, sporting and artistic fields despite the limitations brought on by Covid. We highlight some of these great achievements in our termly **Academy Newsletter**, and throughout the year on our website, through Twitter and on our Facebook page. Please do take the time to read about our fantastic students and the wide variety of opportunities and activities they have been engaging with this year.

Communication between the academy and home is vitally important so please make sure we have your **up to date contact details**, including email addresses and mobile phone numbers. It is also important that we know of any **health issues** your child has so we can support them effectively. If there have been any changes to these details, then please complete the Data Collection form which can be found on our website: [Data Collection Form](#)

I wrote to you back in June informing you that the last day of term for students will be **Monday 26th July**. This day will see a departure at the normal time for your child's year group. We have two INSET days on our return followed by Covid testing for all students before they can all return for the first time together on Monday 6th September.

Week Commencing 30 th August 2021				
Monday 30 th August	Tuesday 31 st August	Wednesday 1 st September	Thursday 2 nd September	Friday 3 rd September
School Holiday	INSET DAY 1	INSET DAY 2 Years 7 & 12/13 <u>Test 1</u>	Years 11, 10 <u>Test 1</u>	Years 8, 9 <u>Test 1</u>
		Only students in Years 7, 12 & 13 will arrive at the academy at their designated time slot and leave to go home immediately after their test.	Students will arrive at school at their designated time slot and leave immediately after their test.	Students will arrive at school at their designated time slot and leave immediately after their test.
			All Year 7 in the Academy for Transition Day . Year 12 Second Day of Enrolment by invitation with Post 16 leaders	All Year 7 in the Academy for Transition Day .

Week Commencing 6 th September 2021				
Monday 6 th September	Tuesday 7 th September	Wednesday 8 th September	Thursday 11 th September	Friday 12 th September
Year 7 & 12/13 <u>Test 2</u>	Year 11, 10 <u>Test 2</u>	Year 8, 9 <u>Test 2</u>		
All students return to the academy. Day spent with Tutor 6th Form Personal Development Day Students leave lesson at designated time for 2 nd test	Normal Lessons for all including assembly for Years 8 to 13. Students leave lesson at designated time for 2 nd test	Normal lessons Students leave lesson at designated time for 2 nd test	Normal lessons	

**Individual testing times will be communicated to parents/carers closer to the start of September.*

Academy Day from September

From September we will continue with arrangements for different year groups to arrive and depart at different points at slightly staggered times. This is to ease any congestion. We will finish earlier on Wednesdays to allow for regular staff training and development activities.

Year	Arrival time	Late at	Gate	Exit Time: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	Exit Time on **Wednesdays**
7	*8:20	8:25	Turnstile main entrance	3:10	2:45
8	8:20	8:25	Turnstile main entrance	3:15	2:50
9	*8:20	8:25	Community	3:10	2:45
10	8:20	8:25	Clarborough	3:10	2:45
11	*8:20	8:25	Clarborough	3:15	2:50
12 & 13	8:20	8:25	Community	3:15	2:50

denotes this year group will **enter first at 8:20 a.m. and the next year group will follow soon afterwards.*

6th Form Arrangements

Year 12: All students joining the Sixth Form are required to register and enrol on GCSE Results day on the 12th August. For those unable to attend on the 12th August, there is a second enrolment day on Thursday 2nd September between 9.00-11:00 a.m. downstairs in the Sixth Form Centre. This is to ensure that student course choices are correct before timetables are issued.

Years 12 and 13 will return to school on Monday 6th September. Students will be with their tutor on this day working on important areas of the Personal Development and Futures curriculum. The afternoon sessions involve team building activities and learning challenges. Subject lessons start on Tuesday 7th September.

Standards and Expectations

At Arnold Hill Academy we have certain standards we need you to be aware of, and ask that you take a moment to familiarise yourself with them and also speak to your child over the Summer holidays, to ensure they return to The Academy in September aware of, and able to meet, these standards every day. **For those whose children cycle to school, please ensure you and your child are aware of and comply with the requirement for all cyclists to wear helmets and also that the cycle is roadworthy.** This is for obvious safety reasons. Please follow these two links to view the safety statistics relating to this: [Cycle stats](#) [Cycling safety statistics](#)

From September, we will be teaching our students the routines of behaviour expected at The Academy based on our ethos of respect and our norms of 'respect for learning', 'respect for ourselves', 'respect for the Academy' and 'respect for others'.

Mobile Phones

For students in Years 7 to 11 mobile phones and any audio equipment must not be used, seen or heard on the Academy site. That is, once students are on site, mobile phones must be out of sight and switched off for the duration of the day and until students have left site. Phones will be confiscated if they are seen or heard on site to ensure full compliance. Students must collect their mobile phone at the end of the day. Sixth Form students are only permitted to use their phones or audio equipment in designated areas within the 6th Form Building, and not around the site or in classrooms. If 6th Form students do not comply with this, then their mobile phone or audio equipment will also be confiscated.

Uniform

Academy uniform this year has been impressive. The vast majority of our pupils wear their uniform smartly and with pride. The uniform policy is simple and available on our website. Please do check this before shopping for new uniform. Just because a shop has certain clothing in a school wear range doesn't mean that it complies with Arnold Hill Academy's uniform requirements. It has been our experience that some students get piercings, nail colourings or dye their hair over the Summer. If this is the case for your child, please make sure that when they return to The Academy in September their hair is a natural colour, their nails are clear (no false nails are permitted) and piercings are in line with our uniform policy: i.e. only one pair of ear studs allowed. No nail varnish/polish to be worn. Subtle make-up only to be worn. No extreme hair colouring. Uniform is to be worn correctly at all times, shirts tucked-in and ties fastened properly with top button done up. Appropriate footwear must be worn (i.e. no trainers/UGG boots etc.). Blazer sleeves are **not** to be rolled up.

Physical Education and Dance

We have decided to continue to allow students to attend the Academy in their PE kit on days when they are taught PE or dance. However, this does mean their Academy PE kit, not general sports kit.

Jewellery Expectations

No jewellery is to be worn with the exception of one stud earring in each ear, no visible necklaces and no bracelets or rings. No facial piercings. A wristwatch is allowed but NOT a smartwatch.

We will be sending home a separate communication giving more details about the arrangements for September for each cohort for parents/carers and students. Students received this information – also provided in Guidance – on Monday 19th July, through their Tutor.

New website for parents to help their children catch-up

The department has launched an [information site](#) for parents, to support children of all age ranges and abilities catch up on lost learning from the pandemic. The site features advice and support for parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), as well as programmes, resources and activities for children and young people this summer. Please do share this with your parent networks. Further information can be found on the [education catch-up for your child](#) homepage.

Well Being

Over the break please enjoy time outside, with friends and family and having fun – there are lots of summer holiday events and activities across Gedling – please visit www.gedling.gov.uk/events

As always we are very grateful for the continued support parents and carers give the Academy. May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very relaxing and happy Summer break.

Yours faithfully

Matt Robertson

Principal