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Welcome - Pre Sixth Parental Engagement Evening

Thursday 9th September - 6pm

What do we know about this Academic Year so far?

- The Government intend for exams to run as normal at the end of this Academic year, but do continue to work with Ofqual to formulate contingency plans
- Some subjects may have some adjustments made to the requirements for those exams - for example, the AQA Drama GCSE practical exam timings have been reduced to accommodate the loss of learning time
- We are 100% committed to our students and helping them to achieve their best possible results

Outline of Event

- Welcome: Helen Dowds
- Head of Year message: Lucy Riley
- Importance of Attendance: Emma Brice
- Positive Discipline and Rewards: Dave Heath
- Progress, SPS and home support: Rebecca Durham
- Sixth Form: Kristina Hill
- Careers: Kat Johnson
- Safeguarding: Tom McNaught-Roberts
- Final message: Helen Dowds

Refreshments will be served following the presentation in the Theatre Bar, where you will also have the opportunity to meet key Pre Sixth staff, SLT, Heads of Subject, Form Tutors and members of the Progress Team.

We encourage you to ask as many questions as you can and we'll do our best to answer them.



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Meet the team

- Mrs Lucy Riley: Head of Pre Sixth
- Mrs Louise Murray: SLO for Pre Sixth
- Mrs Rebecca Durham: Assistant Progress Leader for Pre Sixth
- Mrs Anne Lowe: Curriculum Support Manager
- Mr Dave Heath: BLT link for Pre Sixth
- Form Tutor Team



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Attendance

The biggest impact we can have on a student's education is improving their attendance to school

Our expectation is that all students will strive to exceed our academy target of 96% attendance and aim to be in school every day.

(96% attendance = around 8 days of absence throughout the year)

Attendance Manager - Mrs Sue Dixon
Pre-6th Attendance Officer - Mrs Andrea Pimm

If the level of absence of any student is a cause for concern, we will always start with a phone call to discuss any barriers to attending.

Please inform the attendance or pastoral team as early as possible if you have any concerns which could affect attendance. Our aim is to work with you to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students.



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Positive Discipline and Rewards

Standards. Why set them so high?

Our standards in Pre Sixth, and indeed the Academy as a whole are incredibly high. We expect our students to adhere to expectations surrounding behaviour, uniform and their approach to learning.

We set our standards high, to help our students achieve the best. In most industries, employees are expected to follow codes of conduct and adhere to dress codes. We are helping to prepare our students for this world.

We challenge our students to achieve the best, that applies to all aspects of Academy life.

Positivity and Rewards

If our students are working hard to achieve the best, they deserve some recognition! The Academy is going to be using a 'Stamps' system, which will be recorded in the student planners. Planners are VERY important!

In Pre Sixth, stamps equate to points. We have put together the following rewards structure for our students:

What are stamps awarded for?

POINTS (/STAMPS) TO BE ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- **Subject stamps** - for work, attitude, handing out the books etc

- **Tutor Stamps** - Equipment, kindness, punctuality etc.

- **Positive behaviour (weekly stamps)** - Negative behaviour points to be subtracted.

- **Punctuality** - bonus 10 per week, but only if zero late marks have been achieved for the full week. Point to be subtracted for each late mark accrued.

- **Attendance:** 50% of weekly stamp total bonus for 100% attendance (max 15 stamps)

- **Contribution to the wider Academy** - this could be things like extra curricular activities, being a council rep, student voice etc: Bonus 20 points per term for each activity

- **SPS / Revision / Homework** - Students will have an 'Independent Learning Passport' (ILP) which will be stapled into their planner.

Stamps to be awarded by class teachers for SPS sessions, revision, homework etc. Once 10 stamps have been hit, 10 bonus points will be added.

- **SLO/APL/HOY/BLT/SLT bonuses** - The 'Golden Archies':

*SLO/APL/HOH: 10 points

*HOY: 20 points

*BLT: 30 points

*SLT: 50 points

Reward Bandings:

DIAMOND: Free Prom Ticket* and Year Book + free end of year trip - 5130 points (90% of maximum achievable points)

PLATINUM: Free Prom Ticket* and Year Book + 50% discounted end of year trip - 4845 (85% of maximum achievable points)

GOLD: 50% Discounted Prom Ticket* and Year Book + place on end of year trip - 4560 (80% of maximum achievable points)

SILVER: 25% Discounted Prom Ticket* and Year Book - 3990 (70% of maximum achievable points)

BRONZE: 10% Discounted Prom Ticket* - 3420 (60% of maximum achievable points)

COPPER: Points threshold needed to attend Prom* 2850 (50% of maximum achievable points)

***97% Attendance threshold must be met regardless of reward banding**

These goals are achievable and recognise the efforts of all students. We also want our students to be involved in the organisation of the Prom/Rewards to make it what they want it to be!

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We want to create a positive framework
to support progress



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Progress, SPS and home support

Progress - for each student

- It's not all about the grade at the end, it's about what each **individual** student needs to help get them there.
- We have a team to support; small group intervention maths and English. This will be targeted, and will change dependant on need.
- **All** students have the opportunity to take work for **any subject** for extra support, from 8am, lunchtimes and afterschool (with permission).
- PE slots are used to support with helping students reach their targeted grade; as soon as they're there, they can return to PE.

Pre Sixth Homework Timetable - 1 hour per week per subject.

Year 11 Homework Timetable		
English	All	Friday
Maths	All	Monday
Science	All	Wednesday
Humanities block	All	Friday
MFL Block	All	Thursday
Option A	All	Monday
Option B	All	Tuesday
RE	11MR	Wednesday
RE	11OP	Thursday

SPS 3pm - 4:15pm

- Subject teachers call students back when needed. If a student is not called for the scheduled subject below, they can be called for **any** subject that evening. Students are also welcome to attend any sessions even if they are not called for it so should avoid making appointments before 16:30pm
- Snacks and drinks provided.
- Further opportunity to focus on targeted work, deepening understanding, exam techniques...

Day	SPS
Monday	English
Tuesday	Option A (odd weeks) Option B (even weeks)
Wednesday	MFL (odd weeks) RE (even weeks)
Thursday	Science (odd weeks) Humanities (even weeks)
Friday	Maths

How can you support at home?

1. Their own study space
2. Healthy eating
3. Talk with them
4. Sleep
5. Breaks
6. Environment
7. Technology

Their own space

- Doesn't have to be their own room, but a dedicated space.
- Clear, organised, space to lay out their work.
- This helps keep them calm and ordered, helps get them in a routine.
- Set rules for the household when the space is being used; noise levels, distractions, avoid using the space.

Healthy eating

- We crave carbs, sugary snacks...all the wrong things when we're stressed!
- Try to find alternatives...berries, dark chocolate, energy bars...as well as the usual fruit and veg.
- Diet really does support your brain, in both memory and concentration.
- Avoid the caffeine drinks! Helps you to stay calmer and more focused (and limit coffees to 1 per day if you can...)

Talk with them

- Not always easy if they're not forthcoming....
- Can they teach you something?
- Discuss what subjects they're revising next, how they're revising...
- Don't just discuss school.
- Managing stress over an extended period of time isn't always easy
- Show them stress is a normal part of everyday life, and how to manage it is a key to not only exam stress, but will help them in their day to day.
- Just let them know you're there when they need.

Sleep

- So important!
- Aim for a minimum of 8 hours a day.
- The link between sleep and memory is key for exam success.
- It'll help improve concentration and help prevent the cycle of exam stress and anxiety, leading to insomnia.
- Finish school work at least an hour before bed
- Close social media to help give your brain a rest!

Breaks

- Taking regular breaks can also improve memory and concentration, therefore improving revision.
- Everyone is different, so find a work/break schedule that works for you.
- Be flexible in allowing breaks - 30 minutes of TV can be more beneficial to a revision schedule than having no break at all.
- A physical break rather than a stationery break is far more beneficial, they could Hoover for you, walk the dog.....

Environment

- Noise doesn't just come from teenagers!
- It's not always easy to have a quiet household, and silence near impossible, but be mindful of what your child is trying to do in their space.
- Prior to exams, maybe limit the times that other children in the house have friends over for example.
- Keep your home a revision friendly base wherever possible.

Technology

- Keep laptops/computers for revision only, and phones for social interaction.
- Use “do not disturb” or airplane mode to help keep distractions down.
- Only check their phone per hour - set a rule for themselves which helps to minimise but keeps them in control.
- There are some great apps that form virtual rewards for the amount of time a phone isn't used.



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Sixth Form

Why stay at ASA 6th Form?

- Outstanding results: ALPS 1 (Outstanding and top 1% nationally)
- Excellent pastoral care
- Fantastic academic expertise with many teachers who are senior examiners
- Small classes and excellent value for money for your education
- Unique AS exam opportunity at the end of Year 12
- One of the highest rates of retention in the city
- A great place for thriving student-leadership

This is what our students have to say:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RhXlKSpePwc>

Next steps...

- We are available at every Pre-6th parental event
- There will be a Taster Day before Christmas where you can sample our Post 16 courses
- Applications will be accepted on paper and via Log On Move On
- Each Pre-6th student will receive an high quality interview, conducted by a senior member of staff
- Following interview, we will issue conditional offers
- Before the summer holiday, we will issue materials which prepare students for their Post 16 options
- Enrolment on GCSE results day in Summer 2022
- Any queries, please contact k.hill@asa.hslt.academy



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Careers

The Pre-Sixth Careers Programme

- Careers Interviews with a Connexions Adviser or the Academy's Careers Adviser (Miss Dales – based in the library)
- The Archie Careers Helpline and Email
- Research Options eg. Attend Open Events
- Post-16 Applications – Logon Moveon
- The 6th Form Taster Day
- Attend Interviews
- Accept Offers
- Further Help and Support
- Apprenticeship Fair
- Employer talks

CAREERS SUPPORT

- THE ACADEMY WILL SUPPORT YOUR CHILD EVERY STEP OF THE WAY!!
- Archie Careers Helpline: 07970 702298
- Archie Careers Email: careers@asa.hslt.academy



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Safeguarding

Safeguarding Children

How to report safeguarding concerns

You can contact the safeguarding team to report a concern

Urgent or specific concerns can be reported via the numbers

- ☎ Designated Safeguarding Lead – Tom Mcnaught-Robert
- ☎ Safeguarding Officer – Angie Drinkall [07970347082](tel:07970347082)
- ☎ Child Protection Officer – Julie Allinson [07960424488](tel:07960424488)
- ☎ Wellbeing Officer – Kim Newman [07538921345](tel:07538921345)
- ☎ EHASH [01482 448879](tel:01482448879)
Emergency team [01482 300304](tel:01482300304) (Out of hours)





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And finally...

A 'Fridge Sheet' of helpful information

We have put together a one page sheet of information (perfect for sticking on the fridge!) with this years SPS timetable, contact details for the Pre Sixth Team, and also contact details for all Head of Subject - for any subject specific queries.

These will be available as you exit the theatre!

We would now like to invite you to have a bite to eat and some refreshments, and get to know our staff. We have representatives from SLT, the Pre Sixth Team, the Tutor Team and from many of our subject areas. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to ask.



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Thank you for attending.