



‘Another week at Archie’

As we approach the end of another busy term I wanted to thank all parents for your continued support of the school and my role as Principal

We say goodbye to four respected and valued members of staff this week. Mr Ferguson (Maths), Miss Maslanka (Science), Miss Lydiate (RE) and Mr McKenzie (PE/Head of Year). All four who have given so much to the students and the school. Thank you.

Changes to the entrance to the school building

We are always looking to improve the site's safety to keep our students safe. We have tightened security on the gates to the school. We have now added an intercom to the front gates leading to the main entrance. We are requesting that all visits to the site during the school day 8:40am to 3:00pm are by appointment only. If you wish to make an appointment to the school please ring: 01482 781912

Phone lines

I have listened to many parents describe their frustration in making contact with the school via the telephone. To try and reduce the time it takes to speak to a member of staff at the school we have introduced the following telephone options

Safeguarding	Press 1
Attendance	Press 2
Student Services	Press 3
For Year 7	Press 4
For Year 8	Press 5
For Year 9	Press 6
For Year 10	Press 7
For Year 11	Press 8
Reception	Press 9

Student safeguarding

Online safety

As we approach the holidays and look at what gifts the students may receive for Christmas. Can I ask you to read the following link that gives great advice to help you support your child in navigating the internet?

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Healthy choices

Please can you ensure that your child does not bring in any fizzy canned or bottled drinks, any energy drinks into the academy. Neither of these types of drinks are allowed in the academy. We are particularly concerned about the latest craze of buying ‘Prime drinks’. The drink has been designed in a way that is not suitable for young people in school.

Road safety

I continue to remain very worried about the students walking to school on the main Preston Road

Please can you ask your child, as they arrive at school in the morning to come straight into school and not wait at the gates, as we know the main road is exceptionally busy and we need to ensure students do not congregate there. As the days continue to grow darker please can I ask you to speak to your child about road safety and walking to and from school this link provides <https://capt.org.uk/csw-road-safety/> useful advice.

Collective Worship w/c Monday December 12th

Please ask your child their thoughts and reflection on the collective worship which this week will be discussing:

Jesus - The Light of the World Why is the idea of Jesus being the 'light of the world' such a powerful one at his time of year especially? How is this reflected in christian traditions and ways we celebrate Christmas? Christingle.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=JOhn+8%3A12&version=NIV> John 8:12 I am the Light of the World

Rewards

	Avg. Points	Highest Scoring Form Group
Y7	26.99	7CFG
Y8	21.35	8MHD
Y9	21.77	9LMI
Y10	19.40	10EFA
Y11	7.44	11RBR
ARC	6.79	A1

Congratulations to Year 7 our highest scoring year group!

Congratulations to 7CFG for being our overall highest scoring form group in the school!

Christmas Card winners

A big well done to all the Y7s who entered the Archbishop Sentamu Art Department Christmas card design. The Rev. Anne and I had the very difficult job of choosing the winners and big well done to:

Sian, Ava and Anastaija who's winning designs you can see on our Facebook page.

A thank you to Archbishop Staff

A huge thanks to both the Hospitality and Catering students and the Cast of Nativity. On Thursday 15th December after school, we will be hosting a 'Christmas Tea' to say thank you to the staff of Archbishop Academy for their hard work

this term. The Hospitality and Catering students have designed a buffet, cooked the foods and will be serving to the staff, all of which supports their coursework. The cast of Nativity will be providing the festive songs for this lovely tea.

How great are our students?

A special mention to Mrs Batley and Mrs Shepherd who are supporting the students for this lovely event.

Please email hello@asa.hslt.academy to nominate your child for a 'Postcard from the Principal' for achievements outside of school you would like to share.

'Tea with the Principal' continues every Friday at 2:30pm. Year Leaders from Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y10 are invited to nominate 2 students from their year group who have achieved above and beyond in an area of school life. This is a wonderful opportunity to talk to the students and also gain their views on how we can improve the school further. The students who achieve the invite are also celebrated on the academy's Facebook page. Please check out the photos, the pride from the students' beams through!

This term I will be introducing Work of Wonder at the school or WOW@ASA. Each week I will be showcasing students' work that has made their teacher 'WOW'

Random Act of Kindness

Thanks for the many nominations that were emailed through last week. Please continue to nominate members of staff who have made a difference to your child.

Please email the name and reason to randomactofkindness@asa.hslt.academy

Attendance

As we know attendance at school is crucial to the all-important GCSEs and good habits are formed early.

Please can I urge parents to please send your child to school every day.

This is the current league table of attendance since the start of term to present is as follows:

	%
Y7	92.2
Y8	86.0
Y9	80.1
Y10	83.5
Y11	78.8

Well done to Year 7 who are top of the league - let's see which year groups will move to pole position next week. Well done to form 11SMA who are the highest attending form group since September with 95.5%.

Y11 Revision opportunities

ASA staff are so supportive of the Y11 progress and are offering many opportunities. If your child is in Y11 please encourage their attendance:

Breakfast revision 08:00am to 08.40am everyday

We have started breakfast revision sessions for Y11 from 8am every morning. Y11 are welcome to come to school, have breakfast and complete independent work on their preparation for exams. This will be supervised by Y11 intervention staff who are on hand to support

After school revision

Day	Y11 Revision class
Monday	Maths
Tuesday	RE (odd weeks) Option A & B (even weeks)
Wednesday	English (odd weeks) Geog/Hist (even weeks)
Thursday	
Friday	Science (odd weeks) MFL (even weeks)

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 13th December

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14th December

Year 11 Collect your mock exam results and passport to the Prom Evening
Year 9 Parents' Evening

End of term Friday December 16th

Students, if they wish on the last day of term, can wear a Christmas jumper or something "christmassy" alongside their school uniform.

School day finishes at the normal time of 3pm.

How to get in touch

Telephone: 01482 781912
Email: hello@asa.hslt.academy
Random Act of Kindness: randomactofkindness@asa.hslt.academy

Any feedback on what other information you would like me to include in the weekly letter, please email the school hello@asa.hslt.academy

Yours sincerely.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah .". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Holmes-Carne
Principal | Archbishop Sentamu Academy