



'Another week at Archie'

Week commencing January 16th 2023

My apologies for not sending out a newsletter last week. As you will know from the communications sent by our CEO Helen Winn, we have been experiencing network issues across the Trust. We have a return to a limited service and we will continue to update you accordingly.

Can I thank parents, students and of course staff for their patience with this issue.

The biggest impact for your child has been the school meals provision. Can I ask that you continue to top up the meal accounts and at some point all funds will be recouped from the account. We are taking names of students and the sum total of expenses.

The Edulink parental portal is not fully functioning and the messages you receive may be fairly intermittent. I would ask if you have any concerns about your child you email or ring the school directly.

Despite the challenges we have faced the students have returned with a positive attitude and it has been a great start to the term.

Our local Councillor, Councillor Tock took time out of her very busy schedule to visit the school this week. She met with the student leaders and had a tour of the school. Councillor Tock told me how impressed she was with everything she had seen. Councillor Tock is also going to link the school with the Youth Parliament for our students to participate in.

As we continue to drive up expectations for our students please note that all students will now, after arriving at their usual gate (Y7 & Y11 Bilton Grove, Y8, Y9 & Y10 Preston Road), enter the building through the same entrance on a morning. At this entrance there will be numerous staff members there to ensure your child is in the correct uniform and ready to learn. For any students that are not wearing the correct uniform we will have items that can be borrowed from the school until such time in which the correct item can be purchased. Any student that refuses to engage with our high expectations will unfortunately be subject to an appropriate sanction.

Please can you support the school to ensure your child:

False nails and nail varnish are removed before the return to school

No jewellery- except a pair of stud earrings

Mobile phones are turned off and remain out of site all day

No make up

Please can you ensure your child brings a school bag, with a pen and pencil ready to learn

A culture of respect

Our first value is that of respect. Strong and positive relationships, where all are included and valued, and can discover their unique worth

The golden rule- Matthew 7:12 'Treat others as you wish to be treated'

I am committed to ensuring all of our students feel valued and welcomed within ASA, that we celebrate that we are **all different and all equal**. I spoke late last term to a group of students across all year groups about how we can make it

easier for students to share concerns they have when they are not shown respect. It is my priority this year to ensure ASA is a school community with respect at the heart of the culture. To work with both students and staff to ensure we have a respectful, safe and harmonious.

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

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 January 16th

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

Matthew 9:9-12 The calling of Matthew the tax collector. Mark 1:16-18 The calling of the disciples

Living Faith What does it mean to have a faith? Why do people choose to become a christian? What is central to faith and belief? Why are some people repelled by the thought of believing in God? How can young people keep an open mind and not simply say 'I'm not religious' because they don't know any different? What are the main things which are important for christians? Belief in the Trinitarian God. (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), Prayer and Worship, Community, and Serving others. How did people react to Jesus in the gospels? - Could look at some of the people who sought Jesus out and reflect on why.

A Note from the Principal

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

Y11 Revision opportunities

Passport to the Prom

There were some parental concerns raised on social media about the attendance target of 95%, please can I make clear, as we did to the Y11 students and parents who attended the Passport to the Prom Evening in December. All genuine medical absences will be taken into account.

'Passport to the Prom'. Y11s must take responsibility for keeping their passport safe and it will be updated weekly in tutor time to allow them to track their progress.

The criteria for Prom is as follows:

- 95% Attendance between January and May 15th (date of 1st core GCSE exam)
- Minimum of 500 reward points
- 300 GCSE Pods viewed
- 50 breakfast or after school revision sessions attended (this works out to roughly 3 per week)

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

GCSE POD

- GCSE Pod is an online revision tool
- Designed to make learning stick by watching revision Pods

- Check and challenge activities allow students to test their knowledge
- Website: www.gcsepod.com
- Email K.Stephenson@asa.hslt.academy for further guidance

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

Please look for a letter from Mrs Riley with the update SPS schedule and return the consent forms asap

Dates for your diary

Thursday January 26th	Y10 Parents' Evening 4pm to 7pm
Thursday February 9th	Post 16 Parents' Evening 4pm to 7pm

How to get in touch

Telephone:	01482 781912
Email:	hello@asa.hslt.academy
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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.



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