



## **‘Another week at Archie’**

**Week commencing January 30th 2023**

Thank you so much Mrs Dai, who organised last Friday a wonderful celebration of Chinese New Year and also ‘10 years of Mandarin’ being taught at Archie. We were able to sample Chinese food, listen to traditional Chinese music and look at the students’ wonderful work. A great community evening.

### **ASA Parent Council Meeting 2**

On Thursday 19th January, ASA hosted its second Parent Council meeting. Once again, it was a very productive meeting with all members of the council contributing their positive views and suggestions on various aspects of the whole school on behalf of the parent body. Mr Clark and Mr Fraser were in attendance at the meeting and answered all questions, as well as listening carefully to the valuable parental feedback, which will be shared with the other members of the Senior Leadership Team.

It was also discussed about the possibility of hosting community events on the school grounds for both Easter and Summer with all members of the Parent Council keen to get involved in organising these events - keep an eye out in future newsletters and on Social Media for more information soon!

We still have some places on the Parent Council for parents/carers of Y11 or Sixth-Form students. If you are interested then please email: [l.clark@asa.hslt.academy](mailto:l.clark@asa.hslt.academy). We would love for you to join us!

### **Student safeguarding**

#### **▣Assemblies led by the Police**

We hosted PC Tracy Parkinson last Wednesday, who spoke to all year groups about bullying, cyber bullying and the broader area of anti social behaviours. Students were given advice about what to do if they were a victim of this whilst outside of the school. The impact was clear in the number of questions asked by the students. Please speak to your child about what they heard and learnt.

#### **Healthy choices**

*Thank you for the support in ensuring* 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. There is a noticeable difference within the academy.

#### **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.

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

**Extra -Curricular activities**

Please share the calendar of extra-curricular activities listed at the end of the newsletter. These activities are on top of the provision already in place (Breakfast club, revision sessions, sporting clubs)

**Good news to share**

**History**

Mr Duguid was so impressed with his budding Historians he let me know how well...

Y7 Ava, Marlie, David, Neil and Kla - all working really hard and making outstanding progress in History!

Y8 Jake, who since the return from Christmas has been making an impressive effort in History

Y9 Caitlin, who also, since the return from Christmas has been making an impressive effort in History

Keep an eye out for your postcards

**Geography**

Miss Oxby has shared with me praise for the whole of 7SHK. Every piece of independent homework on the topic of Asia was fabulous

**This weeks achievement point winners**

11DS are the winners of the big trophy for this last week

3 top students in that tutor group were Brooke, Charlie & Lexi.

11AST were the 2nd place tutor group for this last week.

### **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 |

### **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**

### **Y10 GCSE support**

We have widened the opportunity afforded to Y11 to the Y10 students

GCSEPod will now be rolled out to all Y10s:

- 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](http://www.gcsepod.com)
- Email [K.Stephenson@asa.hslt.academy](mailto:K.Stephenson@asa.hslt.academy) for further guidance

#### **Breakfast revision 08:00am to 08.40am everyday**

We would like to invite Y10 to breakfast revision sessions from 8am every morning. Y10 are welcome to come to school, have breakfast and complete independent work on their preparation for exams. This will be supervised by Y10 intervention staff who are on hand to support

#### **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

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#### **After school revision**

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

February Half Term we will also be offering revision sessions for Y11

### Dates for your diary

|                        |                                      |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Thursday February 23rd | Year 9 Options Evening 4pm to 7:30pm |
| Monday March 3rd       | Year 11 PPEs commence                |
| Thursday March 6th     | Post 16 PPEs commence                |

### 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.



Sarah Holmes-Carne  
Principal | Archbishop Sentamu Academy

### Extra- curricular activities

| Day / Time                     | Monday                         | Tuesday                    | Wednesday                                    | Thursday | Friday                         |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------|--------------------------------|
| Before School<br>(8:00-8:30am) |                                |                            | School Magazine<br>(Half-Termly)<br>Mrs Hill |          |                                |
| After School<br>(3:00-4:00pm)  | Homework Club<br>Mrs Tate      | Homework Club<br>Mrs Tate  | Homework Club<br>Mrs Tate                    |          | Fitness Club<br>Mr Stead       |
|                                | School Production<br>Mrs Riley | Rock Band Club<br>Mr Quinn | Sports Stars Club<br>Mr Brown-Garcia         |          | School Production<br>Mrs Riley |
|                                | School Musical<br>Mrs Shepherd |                            | Book Club<br>V Mainprize                     |          | School Musical<br>Mrs Shepherd |

\* If you are interested in taking part in one of these clubs then please speak to the member of staff list.