ASA Newsletter



January 2024 Edition

Happy new year to everyone in our school community! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas period!

Community Opportunity



Parent Council Reminder

Thank you to everyone in the community who supported our ASA Christmas Fair - it was a huge success with lots and lots of people attending!

There were plenty of stall holders from within the community, ASA student and staff volunteers, as well as our Parent Council members - everyone involved played their part, so thank you to all involved!

We look forward to organising the next ASA Community event ...

Reminder message from Becky (Vice-Chair of the Parent Council at ASA):

The Parent Council is a group of parents of students from a range of year groups who attend ASA. We would like more parents to join us to help with organising and making decisions about school activities/events throughout the year. We also meet with various staff about a range of school issues and work together with the school to try and collectively do our very best for our students!

If this is something you would be interested in then please see <u>this link</u> for more information - we would love for you to join us!

Upcoming Events

Year 11 Parents' Evening - 11th January 2024.

Year 12-13 Parents' Evening - 25th January 2024.









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ASA Enrichment Offer

Please click on this link to access our website page that explains our ASA Enrichment Offer.

A key part of our enrichment offer is our extra-curricular clubs and activities timetable, which can be viewed <u>here</u>.

Please encourage your children to attend as many of these clubs as they wish!

Rewards

Reminder: Students have the opportunity to purchase products for the ASA Rewards Shop using their achievement points as a virtual currency.

Students can purchase items weekly and the items will be delivered within the following week.

Please encourage your child to ask their tutor to purchase rewards on their behalf.

Attendance

Congratulations to our 100% attendees during the month of December; they were rewarded with a movie lesson on the last day of term. As part of this they were treated to popcorn and sweets. It was a small thank you from the school and a

reward for the students who attended for the full month.

Attendance streaks will continue, and there will be double streak days on Friday. Students can convert their streak days into prizes.

There is a direct link between attendance and outcomes at the end of school. The more you attend the better your outcomes will be.

If for any reason your child is too ill for school it is incredibly important to update us in the morning. You can do this by ringing the school number and selecting the attendance option, or emailing the attendance team on:

asa.attendance@asa.hslt.academy

Home-School Communications

Effective communications between home and school are of paramount importance to ensure that all students have the very best care and education possible.

Therefore, in order to ensure these are as effective as possible, please can we politely remind parents/carers that they must phone reception to book meetings with staff. Please do not turn up hoping to be seen immediately because, as I am sure you will understand, this is not always possible.









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Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this matter.

How to Get in Touch

Telephone: 01482 781912

Email: hello@asa.hslt.academy

Safeguarding Focus

Setting up controls on new devices:

Many of our students will have been gifted new tablets and mobile devices for Christmas. The National College and National Online Safety have produced this flyer with tips for setting up controls to stop harmful content on these new devices:

Setting up controls on new devices

End to End Encryption (E2EE) - how to keep your child safe:

A number of social media companies, including Instagram and Facebook, have announced their intention to roll out end to end encryption of their services. This may put users at greater risk from those who try to do them harm. The Internet Watch Foundation, supported by the government, has produced this <u>guide for parents</u> to end to end encryption to help you keep your children safe from the effects of this change to these platforms.

Reporting Harmful Content:

Report Harmful Content is an easy way for students over the age of 13, in the UK, to report harm where a report has been made to an industry (e.g. social media, gaming platforms) and no action has been taken.

Reporting a Concern

If you have a concern about a student or anyone else in our school community please report it.

Mr Hill is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mrs Drinkall is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

These colleagues are available by contacting the main school telephone number on 01482 781912 or via their emails:

Mr Hill: l.hill1@asa.hslt.academy
Mrs Drinkall: a.drinkall@asa.hslt.academy

Whisper

If you'd like to report an anonymous safeguarding issue or you have concerns related to mental health, you can do so by visiting the following web link: https://swgfl.org.uk/whisper/asa1/

Alternatively, you can text 07860021323 and start the message with 'ASA1' to send anonymously.

Helpful Links

- ASA Enrichment Offer
- ASA Extra-Curricular Timetable
- ASA Food Menus







