ASA Newsletter



March 2024 Edition

Parent Council Reminder

If you are interested in joining the Parent Council then please see <u>this link</u> for more information - we would love for you to join us!

Upcoming Events

Year 9 Parents' Evening - 14th March 2024.

Year 10 Parents' Evening - 9th May 2024.

Year 7 Parents' Evening - 11th July 2024.

ASA Enrichment Offer

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

A key part of our enrichment offer is our extended-enrichment 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!

Attendance

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 781912Email:hello@asa.hslt.academy

Safeguarding Focus

We have been made aware of a concern regarding a National WhatsApp group. Some schools have been alerted by parents to a WhatsApp group their children are being added to, that currently has 800+ members.

This appears to be asking users to add all their contacts to create the largest group in the world (WhatsApp can currently have a max of 1024), without adults being present. The concern is the content within the group - the majority of users appear to be minors, although there is no way to verify this. Aside from the general bad language and online bullying and harassment, there is evidence of racist, homophobic and sexually explicit language, plus pornographic images/GIFS.

As a reminder, the age rating for WhatsApp is 16+ and we urge parents to regularly monitor the online activity or apps that children are using.

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 Mr Heath/Mrs Drinkall are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

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

Mr Hill:l.hill1@asa.hslt.academyMr Heath:d.heath@asa.hslt.academyMrs 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: <u>https://swgfl.org.uk/whisper/asa1/</u>

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

Helpful Links

- <u>ASA Enrichment Offer</u>
- <u>ASA Extended-Enrichment Timetable</u>
- ASA Food Menus



