



**“Be Inspired & Achieve Together”**

July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been wonderful to see our students and staff return to normal activities this academic year following the disruption in previous academic years caused by the pandemic. We have enjoyed a really positive year at Arnold Hill, with plenty going on and lots of hard work and positive achievements from our staff and students. Our young people have achieved many great things both in and out of the classroom, in academic, sporting and artistic fields. We highlight some of these great achievements in our termly **Academy Newsletter** which you will receive before the end of term, and throughout the year on our website, through Twitter and on our Facebook page. Please do take the time to read about our fantastic students and the wide variety of opportunities and activities they have been engaging with this year.

Communication between the academy and home is vitally important so please make sure we have your **up to date contact details**, including email addresses and mobile phone numbers. It is also important that we know of any **health issues** your child has so we can support them effectively. If there have been any changes to these details, then please complete the Data Collection form which can be found on our website: [Arnold Hill Data Collection Form](#).

Our last day of term for students will be **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July**. This day will see a departure at the normal time for your child’s year group. We have an INSET day on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August before students **return to the academy on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September**.

<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	INSET day for staff, school closed to students
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>All Year Groups on site at normal start time</b> except Year 12 & Year 13. <b>Years 7 to 11</b> spend Periods 1 to 3 with Tutors covering timetables/planners/ routines/Principal’s Assembly. <b>Years 7 to 11</b> and <b>Y13</b> will all begin normal, timetabled lessons P4 & P5. Students will <b>not</b> be expected to bring their PE kit on this first day.
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>Years 7 to 11</b> and <b>Year 13</b> have normal, timetabled lessons.

**Academy Day from September**

From September we will continue with arrangements for different Year groups to arrive and depart at different points at slightly staggered times. This is to ease any congestion. We will follow the same timings for each day of the week and will no longer finish earlier on Wednesdays. Entrance gates will close promptly each day at 8:25am and students will then only be admitted from the main gate opposite the Arrow pub on Gedling Road.

**Please ensure your child checks the arrangements for the new year group they are in next year!**

Year	Arrival time	Late if arrive at:	Gate	Exit Time
7	*8:15	8:25	Turnstile main entrance	3:10
8	8:17	8:25	Turnstile main entrance	3:10
9	*8:15	8:25	Community	3:10
10	8:17	8:25	Clarbrough	3:10
11	*8:15	8:25	Clarbrough	3:10
12	8:17	8:25	Community	3:10
13	8:17	8:25	Community	3:10

\*denotes this year group will **enter first** and the next year group will follow soon afterwards.

**6<sup>th</sup> Form Arrangements**

- Year 13 will return on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September and start at 9:30 a.m. for P2 and spend P2 & P3 with tutors. Year 13 will begin timetabled lessons P4 & P5.
- Year 12 who have not yet completed their registration will be required to register with the Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. downstairs in the 6th Form centre on **Thursday 1st September**.
- Year 12 will need to collect their timetables from the 6th Form Centre at 8:00am on Monday 5th September. and will start timetabled lessons from period 1 on that day.

### ***Standards and Expectations***

At Arnold Hill Spencer Academy we have certain standards we need you to be aware of, and ask that you take a moment to familiarise yourself with them and also speak to your child over the Summer holidays, to ensure they return to the Academy in September aware of, and able to meet, these standards every day. **For those whose children cycle to school, please ensure you and your child are aware of and comply with the requirement for all cyclists to wear helmets and also that the cycle is roadworthy.** This is for obvious safety reasons. Please follow these two links to view the safety statistics relating to this: [Cycle stats](#) | [Cycling safety statistics](#)

From September, we will continue teaching our students the routines of behaviour expected at the Academy based on our ethos of respect and our norms of 'respect for learning', 'respect for ourselves', 'respect for the Academy' and 'respect for others'.

### ***Mobile Phones***

For students in Years 7 to 11, mobile phones and any audio equipment must not be used, seen or heard on the Academy site. That is, once students are on site, mobile phones must be out of sight and switched off for the duration of the day and until students have left site. Phones will be confiscated if they are seen or heard on site to ensure full compliance. Students must collect their mobile at the end of the day. Sixth Form students are only permitted to use their phones or audio equipment in designated areas within the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Building, and not around the site or in classrooms. If 6<sup>th</sup> Form students do not comply with this, then their mobile or audio equipment will also be confiscated.

### ***Uniform***

Academy uniform this year has been impressive. The vast majority of our pupils wear their uniform smartly and with pride. The uniform policy is simple and available on our website. Please do check this before shopping for new uniform. Just because a shop has certain clothing in a school wear range doesn't mean that it complies with Arnold Hill Spencer Academy's uniform requirements.

It has been our experience that some students get piercings, nail colourings or dye their hair over the Summer. If this is the case for your child, please make sure that when they return to The Academy in September their hair is a natural hair colour, their nails are clear (no false nails are permitted) and piercings are in line with our uniform policy: i.e. only one ear stud in each ear is allowed. No nail varnish/polish to be worn. Subtle make-up only to be worn. No extreme hair colouring. Uniform is to be worn correctly at all times, shirts tucked-in and ties fastened properly with top button done up. Appropriate footwear must be worn (i.e. no trainers/UGG boots etc.). Blazer sleeves are **not** to be rolled up.

### ***Jewellery Expectations***

No jewellery is to be worn with the exception of one stud earring in each ear, no visible necklaces and no bracelets or rings. No facial piercings. A wristwatch is allowed but NOT a smartwatch.

### ***Well Being***

Over the break please enjoy time outside, with friends and family and having fun – there are lots of summer holiday events and activities across Gedling – please visit [www.gedling.gov.uk/events](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/events).

As always, we are very grateful for the continued support parents and carers give the Academy. May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very relaxing and happy Summer break.

Yours faithfully



**Matt Robertson**  
Principal