

Parents' Mailing



Acklam Grange School

May 2017

Dear Parent and Guardian

Examinations are now in full swing for our Year 11s and they are rising to the challenge superbly, having been well prepared in lessons, with Period 6s, extra booster sessions after school, at weekends and in holidays.

Good luck to each and every Year 11 student - we are incredibly proud of our amazing youngsters.

Change in Leadership Structure

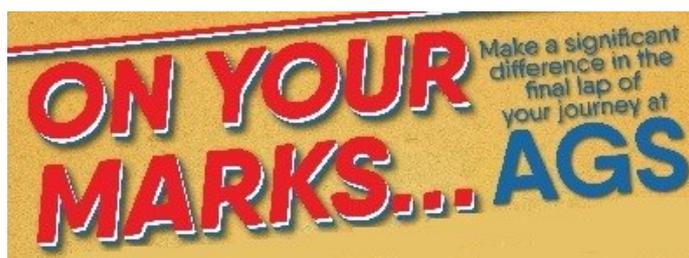
As the school develops and is more able to work with and support other schools, the Governors have agreed to a change in roles and responsibilities within the Leadership and Management Team.

This means that from September 2017, I will become Executive Headteacher, still with overall oversight for the progress and effectiveness of Acklam Grange School. Mr Laidler will become Headteacher (Head of School) responsible for the day to day running of Acklam Grange School and Mr Tait will become Director of Teaching School/School Direct as the school prepares itself to recruit and to train the teachers of the future.

I will be based at Acklam Grange School and will continue to work for the success and achievements of all students. Mr Laidler will be the point of contact though if you wish to communicate with the Headteacher.

AGS Success 'On Your Marks' Event

Over 100 parents and students participated in the hugely successful AGS Success 'On Your Marks' event on Thursday 26 May where families were guided through AGS Success revision strategies to support active and purposeful revision at home.



The families in attendance found the session incredibly beneficial in terms of how to encourage our children to start revision early and develop structures at home to make learning a priority for the whole family. There will be updates throughout the year of different and appropriate revision strategies to ensure we are all in the best shape possible for the final exams GCSE in Y11.

Yours sincerely

Ms A Crawshaw
Headteacher

In this newsletter you will read and learn more about our exciting initiatives and events including -

- Good News Stories
- eSchools
- Attendance
- Term Dates
- Free School Meals info

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Flamingo Land trip

In recognition of their outstanding attendance, a group of Y7, Y8 and Y9 students recently enjoyed a trip to Flamingo Land. The weather was kind and a great day was had by all. Once again Acklam Grange students were a credit to our school!



TERM DATES

Summer Term 2016/2017

24 April 2017 - 21 July 2017

Holidays

10 April 2017 - 21 April 2017

29 May 2017 - 2 June 2017

PD Days

Monday 26 June 2017

Autumn Term 2017/2018

Tuesday 5 September (new Year 7 students only)

Wednesday 5 September (all students)

until

Friday 22 December 2017

PD Days

Friday 1 September 2017

Monday 4 September 2017

Friday 24 November 2017

Monday 2 July 2018

Monday 23 July 2018

*Please note that the school is closed to **all** students during **all** PD days

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Attendance at Acklam Grange School

Be here, be on time, be the best

Attendance to school is the biggest factor in securing your child's academic success.

At Acklam Grange School we demand the highest levels of attendance from all of our students' so that they may develop their full potential during their time at school. It is our aim to maintain a culture of excellence, attendance and punctuality. Missing out on education has a significant effect on student's life opportunities. Everyone associated with the school including students, parents/carers and staff must do all in their power to ensure that excellent attendance and punctuality is maintained as it is an integral part of daily life at Acklam Grange School.

So far this year, we have achieved record attendance of **95.3%** which is above the national average for all secondary schools in England. Our punctuality stands at **98.5%**. You, our parent/carers, your children and the school, have worked tirelessly as a team, to ensure that attendance and punctuality remains at an all-time high!

Congratulations!

964 (67.6% of the school) students have achieved 96+% attendance so far this term.

Our winning tutor groups of the term for highest attendance and punctuality are;

Y7 – 7RK = 99.1%

Y8 – 8TN = 98.1%

Y9 – PMC = 98.1%

Y10 – ERD = 98.9%

Y11 – JLB = 99.2%

Y8 have topped the attendance chart this term with **96.6%**!

attendance
MATTERS

Parent Drop-Off – Help Required

A big thank you to the vast majority of parents who now use our excellent drop-off facilities on site at the Lodore Grove and Heythrop Drive entrances – this makes the whole process safer and less crowded for all.



However, there are still some parents who do not drive on to the school site in order to drop off their child – this is causing congestion and rightly complaints from the Lodore Grove, Ruskin Avenue and Heythrop Drive residents. In addition, we have been informed that some parents are parking and driving in an inconsiderate and even dangerous way on Lodore Grove – please be understanding of local residents, but also mindful that our youngsters are walking to school – a badly parked car or poor driving could lead to an accident where a child is hurt or killed – no-one wants this to happen. Please ensure that you use the facilities provided when dropping off your child.

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Year 5 writing competition

Do you have a younger sibling who may be the next J.K Rowling, Roald Dahl or Dave Pilkey? Do they have an original and creative idea? Why not encourage them to enter their story to Summer 2017's biggest competition?

Entries will be evaluated on their:

- Originality
- Language
- Plot
- Characterisation
- Enjoyment factor

Entries are limited to 499 words; entries should be returned to your class teacher by 7 July. The winner will receive a prize.

Year 11 half-term sessions

Tuesday - 30 May SLT Mrs L Gowland Admin	Wednesday - 31 May SLT Mr P Flint Admin	Thursday - 1 June SLT Ms C Beaumont Admin	Friday - 2 June SLT Mrs S King Admin
Maths Maths Department Mrs Gardner 9:15am - 12:15pm	SCIENCE S6 Miss Coning 10:00am - 12:00pm	SCIENCE S3 Mrs Newlove 9:15am - 12:00pm 12:15pm - 3:00pm	HISTORY H7, H9, H10 Mrs Galloway Miss Whitfield Miss Tait Mrs King 10:00am - 12:00pm 1:00pm - 3:00pm
ENGLISH CB5 Miss Barningham 1:00pm - 4:00pm	BIOLOGY S6 Miss Coning 1:00pm - 3:00pm	SCIENCE S4 Miss Weldrake 10:00am - 1:00pm	
	FOOD T7 Mrs Quinn 9:00am - 1:00pm	SCIENCE S8 Mrs Taylor 10:00am - 12:00pm	ENGLISH CB5 Miss Ledger 9:30am - 11:30am
	GEOGRAPHY H6 Mr Nelson 10:00am - 12:00pm	ENGLISH E12 Miss Hussain 1:00pm - 3:00pm	

Is your child entitled to receive Free School Meals?

To find out about *free school meals* and help your school get extra funding to help with your child's education, please read below.

Parents who receive certain benefits are eligible to apply for free school meals for their child.

If you live in Middlesbrough and receive any of the following support payments, you're eligible to apply for free school meals for your child.

1. Income Support
2. Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
3. Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
4. Support under Part VI of the *Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*
5. The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
6. Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by HM Revenues and Customs)
7. Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Forms can be downloaded at: <https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/benefits-and-council-tax/free-school-meals>

Correct Contact Details

It is essential that we have your correct mobile telephone numbers as our prime point of contact is via text. To avoid worry or not knowing why your child is late home from school (because he/she has incurred a detention), please make sure that the Main Office is provided with your most recent mobile telephone number.



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