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A message from the Headteacher



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As we reach the end of another successful year at Acklam Grange School, I want to take a moment to reflect on everything we've achieved together and express my deepest thanks to our students, staff, parents, carers and wider community.

This year has been one of pride, progress and positivity. From the very start, our students have shown what it means to be part of the AGS Family - striving for excellence, showing resilience and supporting one another in every aspect of school life.

We have had lots of highlights throughout the year including the incredible talent showcased through our **CPA Academy** performances. Whether on stage or behind the scenes, our students demonstrated outstanding creativity and professionalism, leaving audience inspired and proud.

We also had the honour of hosting our very first **Culture Day** - a vibrant and joyful celebration of diversity, inclusion and unity. It was a powerful reminder of the richness of our school community and the importance of learning from and celebrating each other's cultures.

This term, we said a **fond farewell to our Year 11 students**, who left us with memories of dedication, laughter and growth. We are immensely proud of everything they have accomplished and we wish them every success in their next steps. We now look forward to celebrating with them on results day in August. They will always remain part of the AGS Family.

Throughout the year, we've recognised the achievements and hard work of our students through countless rewards and special reward ceremonies, including our **Celebration Evening and Sports Awards**. These events were a testament to the remarkable talent, determination and character shown by our young people every day.

Our **Careers Programme** has continued to flourish, helping to prepare students for bright futures. From employer workshops and workplace visits to mock interviews and our SHINE event, we're ensuring our students are equipped with the confidence to thrive beyond school.

Of course, none of this would be possible without our dedicated staff, who go above and beyond to deliver an exceptional education and a caring, inclusive environment for every child and build home-school relationships with parents and carers.

As we now look ahead to a well-earned summer break, I encourage all students to take time to rest, recharge and reflect on their successes. You have all worked incredibly hard and we are so proud of the progress you have made. I wish you and your families a safe, enjoyable summer and we look forward to welcoming you back in September - refreshed, motivated and ready for another fantastic year.

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Sports update

This term has seen lots of sporting events including our Sports Academy visiting Bede Sixth Form College where they attended a sporting futures event and found out about different careers whilst also taking part in different activities. We have also celebrated some amazing achievements with our basketball team becoming north of England champions and our football team winning the Middlesbrough Schools' Football League.



Celebrating Year 11

In June, we said goodbye to our Year 11 students after their five year journey at AGS. It was fantastic to be able to celebrate their achievements at AGS during their final day with the whole AGS family giving them a guard of honour to remember, they got to see highlights of their time at Acklam Grange during their leavers assembly and celebrated with their peers at prom. We want to wish them the best of luck for results day in August.



Transition Week

As we said a fond farewell to our Year 11s, we welcomed Year 6 students into school who will soon be joining us as our new Year 7 students. The pupils had the opportunity to experience what life is like at Acklam Grange School to help them to transition into secondary school students. They got involved in lots of different activities and lessons ready for September and we can't wait to welcome them.



School's Alumni Week

June marked School's Alumni Week where we celebrated former students and what they have achieved since leaving school. Our alumni programme offers students the chance to find out more about life after school and inspire their future. Visit our website via the QR code to learn more about our alumni.



Celebration Evening

The summer term is all about celebrating our students' achievements throughout the year so it was great to host our annual celebration evening in June. Students were nominated for lots of awards including subject awards and the prestigious Headteacher Award. Well done to all the winners who have shown our PRIDE values throughout the year.



Reward trips

Students have enjoyed lots of trips this term whether educational or just as a reward for their hard work and showing PRIDE values in all they do. We have been to Flamingo Land, Berlin, London, Robin Hood's Bay, Wynyard Park as well as different colleges and universities.



Our Day Out

Our Drama Club took to the stage with an impressive performance of Our Day Out by Willy Russell. The students brought the characters to life with energy, humour and emotion, capturing the heart and message of the play beautifully. Their hard work, dedication and teamwork throughout rehearsals paid off, resulting in another fantastic production by our CPA Academy. We also want to say a massive thank you to all of the parents and carers who came along to support the show!



Culture Day

This month, we held our first ever AGS Culture Day where staff and students were invited to wear clothing to represent their culture, whether this was traditional dress, linked to faith or represented their interests. Students also had the chance to learn about different cultures at our culture fayre and listened to music from different cultures in the yard at break and lunch time, as well as to welcome them into school and at the end of the day.



We know school holidays can sometimes be a difficult time, if your child needs any support over the summer, please use the agencies below.

CAMHS Teesside 0300 013 2000 | www.youngminds.co.uk | www.kooth.com

We hope you all have a fantastic Summer break!

Please see our return dates below:

Monday 1st September | PD Day (school closed to students)
Tuesday 2nd September | Year 7 only
Wednesday 3rd September | School opens to all students