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A message from the Headteacher

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As we come to the end of our first half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students for an excellent start to the year. They have come back with a positive attitude to learning and we already have so much to celebrate.

All our year groups have settled in well, especially our new year 7 students who are really taking to life at Acklam Grange. Our Year 11 students are already working hard towards their exams in the summer and with their mocks right around the corner after the half term break, they are really taking advantage of our study breakfast sessions which is fantastic to see.

Students across all year groups have also had the opportunity to join extra-curricular clubs as part of our AGS Extra offer which you can view [here](#). There's still time to sign up to clubs if you haven't already, we've got everything from cook club to junior choir, as well as all our sports clubs too!

We also held our Year 5 and 6 open evening this half term with over 1000 people visiting our school with their children to see what being part of the AGS family is all about. We are once again expecting to be a popular choice for September 2026.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our first AGS Family Council meeting of the year. It was inspiring to see such passionate and committed members of our AGS community come together to have important conversations and drive progress. Your voices, ideas and support are helping us build a stronger and even more connected AGS Family. Together, we're making our school an even better place.

We hope you all have a restful and well deserved break and we can't wait to see you all again ready for another successful half term on **Monday 3rd November**.

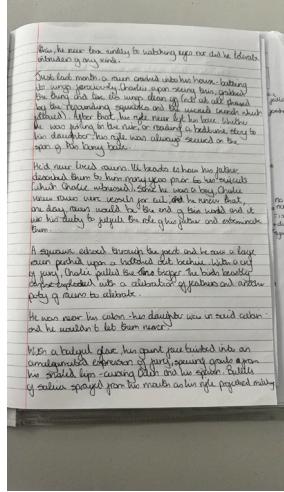
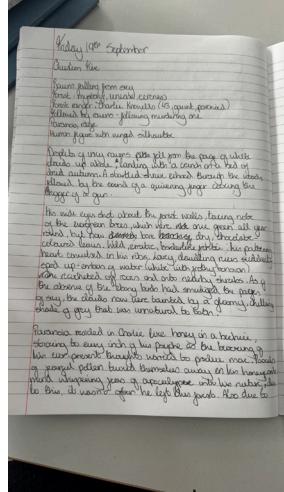
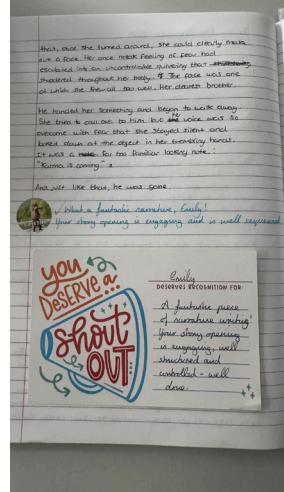
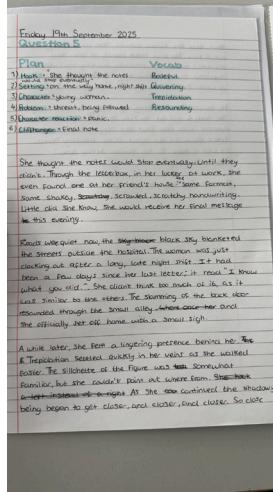
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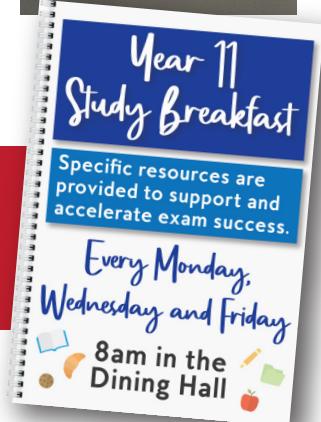
Year 11 English success

Our Year 11 students have already hit the ground running with their preparation for the GCSE exams next summer and are producing some fantastic work that deserves to be celebrated. Students have been sharing their English work, writing some very imaginative and gripping short stories to develop their creative writing skills. Take a look at some of the wonderful stories they have written.



Year 11 Study Breakfast

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Year 11 students have been kickstarting their day by joining friends for a relaxed study breakfast where they can fuel up for the day whilst getting chance to do some important revision to start the day feeling confident and prepared. Bring your notes, grab some breakfast and make the most of this productive (and delicious!) start to the day.



World Mental Health Day

On Friday 10th October, we celebrated World Mental Health Day. The day is a reminder of the importance of good mental health and the need to prioritise our mental health! Students were able to get involved in different activities such as wearing something yellow to support the 'Hello Yellow' campaign, as well as attending our Breakfast and Beats session before school! To find out more about how we can support our young people, click [here](#).



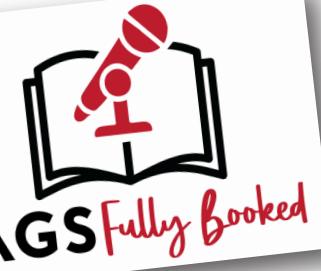
Reading Challenge winner

Each month, we are hosting a reading challenge for all students to get involved in. All you have to do is complete a series of reading challenges such as picking up a book from the LRC, read a book with more than 100 pages or in the spirit of Halloween, read a spooky story! We were delighted to see so many students getting involved in our September and October reading challenges with the winners receiving a book and some chocolate treats. Keep an eye out for our November reading challenge after half term and speak to your English teacher if you would like to get involved!



AGS Fully Booked

In September, we launched our new reading podcast, **AGS Fully Booked**. Each week, we release three new chapters of a book read by Ms Rogers. Whether you're walking to school, relaxing at home or looking for something to listen to while studying, AGS Fully Booked is the perfect way to enjoy books in a whole new way. Listen to all the episodes so far [here](#).



Year 7 Sorting Ceremony

We once again held our AGS Family Sorting Ceremony for our Year 7 students this half term, marking the start of their journey through school life! A representative from each form group gathered to discover which AGS Family they would belong to for the years ahead. Each form group received a letter and envelope filled with the vibrant colour of their family. The students put on their sorting hats, ripped open the envelopes and threw the powder paint to the sky to reveal their family... Ash, Birch, Maple or Willow. What a magical and memorable event filled with joy and a true sense of belonging to the AGS Family!



Open evening

After another successful open evening, we would like to say a huge thank you to all the students who were ambassadors for AGS on the night, helping out with activities, directing prospective students and their families, answering questions and sharing their AGS stories. We had some amazing feedback from visitors on the night and we couldn't be prouder of our students!



"Students were absolutely fantastic, every student was incredibly polite, friendly and welcoming. They were shining stars!"

"I was so impressed with what I saw, the talk from the Headteacher, the activities offered, the pathways, the values, the passion and dedication of staff and the politeness and enthusiasm of the students. What a fantastic school."

"A very informative night. The children helping were fantastic! So polite and nothing was too much trouble!"