

# Inside AGS

## A message from the Headteacher



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Date: February 2026



As we reach the end of the first half of the Spring Term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredibly positive and production start to 2026 here at Acklam Grange.

One of the highlights of the term has undoubtedly been our CPA Academy's outstanding production of **Frozen**. The talent, confidence and dedication shown by our students both on stage and behind the scenes was truly remarkable. Events like this showcase not only our students' creativity, but also the strength of our school community. I would like to thank all staff, families and students who supported this year's production and it's fantastic success once again.

This half term has also marked an important milestone for our **Year 11 students** who have now completed their first round of exams. I have been impressed by their maturity and determination they have shown in their approach and I know they will use this experience to focus their revision and preparation moving forward. Similarly, our Year 10 students have successfully completed their entry exams, providing a strong foundation as they begin the next stage of their GCSE journey.

We are also extremely proud to have received recognition from Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson, for delivering **excellent outcomes** for learners regardless of their background. Our students achieved among the very best nationally, showcasing our values of high aspirations and being an inclusive school. This acknowledgement reflects the commitment of our staff and hard work of our students and reinforces our belief that every child can succeed and no child gets left behind.

As we look ahead to the second half of the Spring Term, we continue our focus on **Minutes Matter** as a reminder that every minute in school counts, Good attendance has a direct impact on success and we are grateful to families for their ongoing support in ensuring students are in school, on time, everyday.

This next half term is also an important period for our Year 11 students as they move closer to their **final exams**. We will continue to provide guidance, support and encouragement they need to succeed.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support for our school. I look forward to the opportunities the next half term will bring, along with the hope of some brighter, better weather.

**Mr Laidler | Headteacher**



# World of Work

This half term, we have welcomed MyBigCareer into school, who have been providing World of Work workshops for our Year 7 students. The students have been building valuable skills and learning about different careers to prepare them for the world of work.



# Frozen Jr Production

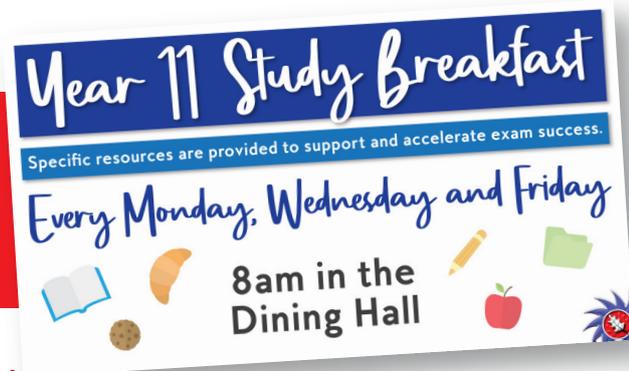
Our CPA Academy recently showcased their talent and dedication through a vibrant performance of Frozen Jr, bringing the much-loved story of sisterhood, courage and self-discovery to life on stage. The production featured impressive acting, confident vocals and energetic choreography, all of which reflected the hard work put in during months of rehearsals. From detailed costumes to creative staging and lighting, every element helped transport the audience to the magical world of Arendelle.



The CPA Academy's commitment was evident throughout the show, providing students with the opportunity to build confidence and teamwork. Staff and production teams worked closely with the cast to ensure a polished performance that entertained families, friends and the wider school community. Events like this highlight the academy's dedication to nurturing creativity while celebrating student achievement in a memorable and inspiring way. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the show.

# Year 11 exams

Year 11 students have now completed their first round of exams and should feel proud of the effort and determination they have shown. They have made a strong start, setting a solid foundation for success. As they head into the next term, it is crucial they keep up their focus and revision, as the run-up to the final exams in May is an important time to build confidence and achieve their best possible results.



# We are among the best nationally

We are delighted to have been recognised by the Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson, this term for delivering excellent outcomes for learners regardless of background. Students have achieved results among the very best nationally, showcasing our values and ambition to be the best we can be.

This is a significant achievement for all at Acklam Grange and we are so proud of the hard work of our students and dedication of our staff who give our students the best possible opportunities to succeed.

# The Little Princess Trust donation

One of our Year 7 students has been raising money for The Little Princess Trust after seeing her close friend's mum battle cancer. She decided after asking lots of questions about the cancer the treatment and hair loss, that she would grow her hair and donate it to raise funding for The Little Princess Trust.

The charity provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or to other conditions such as Alopecia. After growing her hair for three years, she has now donated 16 inches of it to the charity and hopes to raise the money to make and fit the wig for a child who needs it most.



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# Minutes matter

Minutes matter and so do you! Good attendance helps your child achieve their best - both in learning and in their social life. We want every student to have the best chances for future success. Minutes lost in school equates to learning lost as illustrated below. If your child is struggling, visit our website for details on how we can support you:  
[www.acklamgrange.org.uk/attendance-and-punctuality](http://www.acklamgrange.org.uk/attendance-and-punctuality)

# Minutes matter!

## No time wasters!

Self motivation is an important life skill

### Minutes missed = Learning lost

5 minutes per day	3 days lost per year
10 minutes per day	6.5 days lost per year
15 minutes per day	10 days lost per year
20 minutes per day	13 days lost per year
30 minutes per day	19 days lost per year



We hope all of our families have a fantastic break!