



# Newsletter

## **Reminders**

School closes for Christmas break on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 12pm. Please ensure that students are in full school uniform, no trainers and bring coats on cold days. If your child is in Primary, the afterschool club will run until 2pm.

Well done to all of our Y11 students during the mock exam period; your resilience, dedication, humour and can-go attitude has been admirable to see. Not long to go until a restful and relaxing Christmas!

## **Upcoming College Open Events:**

Blackpool Sixth: Thursday 30th January

Blackpool & Fylde College: Wednesday 8th January & Wednesday 5th March 4:30-7pm

Myerscough College: Saturday 8th February 10-1pm

Cardinal Newman College Preston: Saturday 1st February 10-1pm

Preston College - Thursday 6th March 4-7pm

## **Armfield Academy year 11 Mock Interviews Thursday February 13th 2025. 9-11am.**

On this day Year 11 will sit with experienced members of industry/college members of staff and face a mocked-up version of a job or college-based interview to help students learn how to answer difficult questions, develop interview strategies, improve their communication skills and reduce stress regarding any upcoming college interviews or potential future job/apprenticeship interviews that maybe on the horizon.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to have a realistic interview from people in business or from professional people from the world of Further Education looking to recruit Armfield students post year 11. Hopefully able to simulate real life interview scenarios and gain valuable experience and receive constructive feedback to ultimately feel more confident going into the real deal in the future.


**Parents/Carers**, Do you have experience of interviewing individuals in your line of work and would you be willing to volunteer to interview some of our year 11's on this day? If you are interested please email Mr Hill [a.hill@armfield.fcat.org.uk](mailto:a.hill@armfield.fcat.org.uk)

## Trips

Y11 GCSE historians, please remember to continue making payments towards our visit to Derbyshire, Leeds and York in February 2025. The first deposit payment of £30 was due on 9th December to confirm your place. The next instalment of £70 is due on 20th December. If there are any problems, please see Mr Renouf or Mrs Williams.

Y9 and Y10 students, if you are interested in Armfield Academy's visit to Berlin in February 2026, please return your reply slip to Mr Renouf or collect a letter from room 2126 as soon as possible. Places to be confirmed during the first week back in January!

## Events from this week

In after school club this week the children have been decorating their own Christmas tree decorations  and making paper chains.



On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December some of our year 7 and 8 students went to watch Cinderella at the Grand Theatre. All the students who went were fantastic and very well behaved! Oh no they weren't, oh yes, they were!

They all had a fab time and were a credit to our school.



Last Thursday we held our annual GCSE Presentation & Awards Evening for the class of 2024. Well done to all of our winners and former students who collected their official GCSE certificates on the night.

We wish our leavers all the success in their future and we are excited to see who will be taking home the trophies in 2025?



Well done to all of the students who took part in **Beyond the Limelights**. The evening was a great success and highlighted what incredible talent we have here at Armfield Academy. Mrs Kinlock and Miss Collins were incredibly proud of all the students involved. We would also like to say a big thanks to our audience members who provided lots of support and encouragement throughout. We can't wait till next year!



On Tuesday our Primary choir performed in the Blackpool Music Service Christmas Festival in the Empress Ballroom at the Winter Gardens. The children performed as a massed primary choir with more than 1,000 children, and sang a variety of traditional carols and Christmas songs accompanied by an orchestra. Thanks to Mrs Vos for preparing the choir to sing so beautifully at this event.



## **Armfield presents: The Christmas Markets in partnership with The Jimmy Armfield Foundation**

Wow, what a fantastic turn out last night for our first ever Christmas markets! Thank you to all those who supported us, we are truly overwhelmed. Santa and his reindeer were a huge hit and all the stalls looked fantastic, thank you to all our stall holders! We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. Thank you to all our staff who gave up their time to help with this, as well as those who were involved in the months of planning and organising. It was wonderful to see the vision come to life!



Big thank you to Soul Smash Street Food for keeping everyone fed and Wave Coffee for keeping everyone warm with their hot drinks!

Our wonderful 20ft tree was supplied and delivered by Thornton Landscapes and the lights were switched on by John Armfield and two of our Blackpool Football players, Jordan Rhodes and Richard O'Donnell.



**Roll on next year!**