



Newsletter

Dear Armfield Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to this week's newsletter! We are always delighted to share the fantastic achievements of our students and keep you updated with important reminders to ensure everything runs smoothly at Armfield Academy.

Primary Reminders:

May we take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of the following:

School Car Park: The car park is for staff use only. Please do not use it for drop-offs or pick-ups to ensure the safety of our pupils and staff, or block other cars in.

Summer Uniform: Children may begin wearing summer dresses/shorts as part of their uniform after the Easter break.

For the **safety** and comfort of all students, we kindly remind you of the following rules during morning drop-off and home time in the **playground:**

Bikes and scooters should be pushed across the playground for everyone's safety.

The **spider frame/play area** is not to be used at home time or pick-up, as school staff are not available to supervise.

As part of FCAT policy, **dogs** are not permitted on the playground during drop-off and pick-up times. While we love our furry friends, this rule helps keep the environment safe and distraction-free for all children.

Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our school a safe and happy place for everyone. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Secondary Reminders:

All students **MUST** be in full school uniform arriving at school each day.

PE kits should be brought in bags for students to change into in their lessons.

Thank you to all the parents who have completed the questionnaire regarding Armfield Academy. Please feel free to complete it over the weekend. Your opinion

matters and we want to work with parents to ensure our students are safe and happy at school.

Please can we ask that parents are supporting their young people completing homework. Sparx maths, Century and google classroom is always available online for students to complete their work. Please ensure you are asking your young people what work needs completing for school.

Sports:

On Monday 5 Pride students represented Armfield at the indoor Kurling event. The students did amazing and had the opportunity to try something new and meet new people. The highlight was Brandon who kept knocking the other schools' sliders of the scoring circle. Well done to those students involved.



Easter Showcase

A huge thank you to all those who supported our second Jimmy Armfield Foundation event – it was a huge success!



RSC Top of the Bench final:

Following their win at the Lancashire heat in January, our team travelled down to Cardiff on Saturday to compete in the final.

Olivia, Bailey, Zoltan and Shajan competed against 28 other schools from across the UK. They completed a 40 minute chemical knowledge written test, and then a 90 minute practical test focussed around this year's theme of "air".

The students represented Armfield brilliantly - several members of staff working with the students and for the Royal Society of Chemistry came to tell me how brilliant, polite and respectful our team was!

Although our team didn't place, the students had a brilliant time, and a personal highlight for myself was Olivia saying that the event confirmed that she wanted to do something to do with Chemistry in her future!

Each year, the Jacqui Clee Award is given to the student who makes an outstanding individual contribution to the day - this year they were unable to decide between two students and it was awarded to Olivia and Bailey!

<https://edu.rsc.org/rsc-education-news/winchester-college-win-2025-top-of-the-bench-national-final/4021148.article>



The Jacqui Clee Award went to Bailey Baxter and Olivia Dewhurst of Armfield Academy. The RSC has historically awarded this prize for the most outstanding individual contribution. However, for the first time ever it went to two students. Bailey and Olivia showed exceptional teamwork, staying organised and working in a calm manner to contribute to their team.

Cat Miedziak, a technician in Cardiff University's school of chemistry said, 'It was lovely to see so many keen students enjoying being in the labs – the atmosphere was lively and fun, though still competitive!'



Source: © Katie Ackermann

Ross Christodoulou presented the Jacqui Clee Award to Bailey Baxter and Olivia Dewhurst for their outstanding work

Year 7 Shakespeare Project

To mark William Shakespeare week, our Year 7 students have been learning about Britain's most famous writer and the world famous Globe Theatre. The English department is running a homework project for Year 7 students [see information below] and the deadline for this task is Thursday 3rd April. We welcome parental support so our pupils can present their ideas in the best possible way. Please contact K.Moon@Armfild.FCAT.org.uk if any clarification is sought in relation to the initiative.

SHAKESPEARE PROJECT



To mark Shakespeare week, all Year 7 pupils are to complete a project that showcases their recent focus on Britain's most famous writer and the theatre in which his plays were performed. Pupils have a choice in relation to how to their present their project:

- ❖ **Option 1: Cakespeare** – Bake a Shakespeare-themed cake, or cupcakes. Ideas may link to the writer himself, or plays he has written [characters, themes, famous quotes]
- ❖ **Option 2: Globe Theatre Model or Drawing** – Design a 3D model of the famous Globe Theatre, using craft materials, or draw and label an A3 drawing of the building
- ❖ **Option 3: Shakespearean Poem or Song** – Write a poem or song about life in Shakespearean times, or about the Globe Theatre
- ❖ **Option 4: Show Poster** – Design a poster which advertises a Shakespearean play at the Globe Theatre

Thursday 3rd April



Cakes will be sold for 50p a slice during the day. See your English teacher for project ideas.

[all cake types welcome, but no nut-based products]



Nursery:

The Nest invited parents along to an Easter themed craft afternoon. They enjoyed spending time together making sun catchers and painting wooden Easter bunnies. We also painted pebbles to brighten up the nursery garden.



Year 9 Options

Thank you to all of our year 9 students for getting their option forms in on time. We are now in the process of working out the best fit for subjects into blocks, this is to help students get their first choices. Some conversations have taken place already with regard to some changes and these will continue through next week.

If you have any questions regarding the process please contact your son/daughter's form tutor in the first instance.

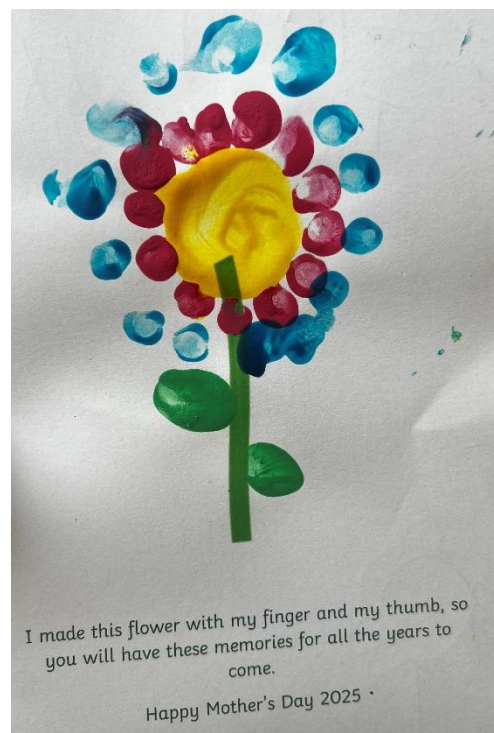
Thank you to all of our students who attended the Compass Curriculum taster sessions over the last week. The feedback was really good and our students were excellent in all of the courses.

Happy Mother's Day

This Sunday, we want to take a moment to celebrate and appreciate all the incredible mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures and carers in our school community. Your love, dedication, and unwavering support make a world of difference in your children's lives and in our school.

Thank you for all that you do—nurturing, guiding, and inspiring the next generation. We are honoured to partner with you in your child's learning journey.

Wishing you a very Happy Mother's Day!





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Thank you for your continued support—we love celebrating our students' successes with you!

Best wishes,

The Armfield Academy Team