

**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.*

## Important Notices

Please can we remind all parents that all students should be in full school uniform at all times every day. There are no exceptions to this rule. Student will be asked to return home to collect the items they do not have.

Be aware that no students will be allowed mobile phones around school. Mr Kilmurray has been around all classes to explain that when they're in school they should be learning. There should be no emphasis on mobile phones during the school day. All focus of all students should be on their learning.

## GCSE Results

You may have seen in the news last week an article regarding the summer GCSE results. Here is a link to the [BBC news article](#) about it. We will be taking part in a national pilot to trial how the Education Record works and will need our year 11 students to download the app onto their mobile phone. We will begin the process of activating individual accounts once staff training is fully complete, in the meantime students can download the Government app to their mobile phone. Results day is on Thursday 20th August, students will be able to collect their results from our school Memorial Hall in the traditional format from 9am. At 11am, results will go live on the Education Record Application. To activate the application, there has to be a one to one meeting with Mrs Sherwood. These appointments will take place after February half term.



**Education Record Pilot**

Selected Schools Only

**Open**

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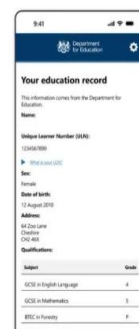
### Education record pilot

Education records can only be used by pupils, schools and colleges who have been invited to take part in the DfE Education record pilot.



### Your education record

Get, review and share your education record on your phone when you move from school to sixth form or college.



### Get your education record

Scan the QR code with a member of staff at your school.



## Maths Quiz of the week for our younger students

### 5 times table

1	x	5	=	5
2	x	5	=	10
3	x	5	=	15
4	x	5	=	20
5	x	5	=	25
6	x	5	=	30
7	x	5	=	35
8	x	5	=	40
9	x	5	=	45
10	x	5	=	50
11	x	5	=	55
12	x	5	=	60

[Timestables.co.uk](http://Timestables.co.uk)

Please can families check their young people know their five times tables! This will be a weekly challenge.

It is the foundation of a lot of maths and science work and your support with this would be gratefully appreciated.

### Key Reasons Times Tables are Crucial:

- **Boosts Confidence & Speed:** Knowing tables by heart eliminates the need for finger counting, allowing children to solve problems faster and with more confidence.
- **Foundation for Advanced Math:** Mastery is essential for understanding fractions, ratios, long multiplication, and division.
- **Improves Mental Arithmetic:** Rapid recall enables students to perform calculations in their heads, supporting overall numeracy.
- **Pattern Recognition:** It helps children understand number relationships and patterns (e.g., recognizing that is the same as).

## Nursery Bird Watching



Nursery have taken part in the Big Bird Watch, making binoculars, searching for birds and also making some bird feeders.



## Primary Choir



This week in choir, we had a vocal coach join, this was to help the children rehearse their songs for their upcoming concert at the Winter Gardens. They loved singing the songs and learning new action too. They even did some beat boxing too!



It is '*World Book Day*' on Thursday 5th March. To celebrate, and to promote the importance of reading, all pupils and staff are invited to dress up as a book character. Their costume can be as creative as they wish. Ideas can also be simple, with items made or added to existing clothes. **We will not accept the wearing of sportswear, pyjamas or casual clothing in lieu of a costume.**

Primary pupils are invited to consider dressing up as a character from one of the class novels that they have read so far this year. For instance, Year 6 pupils may wish to dress up as a character from *Holes* or *Goodnight Mister Tom*. If you are unsure as to which books your child has read with their class, please see the class teacher.

In previous events, our '*World Book Day*' dress-ups have been a huge success with around 70% of students getting involved and, therefore, we hope this '*World Book Day*' celebration is of equal success. **Pupils who do not wish to take part must attend the academy in full school uniform. Any student who attends in their own clothes or clothes that have no relevance to '*World Book Day*' will be sent home at 8.45am to change into academy uniform.**

Throughout the day, there will be a range of book-themed activities and competitions for your child to take part in to support the strong reading culture at Armfield Academy. All students will receive a £1 book token at the end of '*World Book Day*'. These tokens can be used as discount on a book purchase at a range of participating bookshops from 2<sup>nd</sup> March to the 31<sup>st</sup> March. On the reverse of each token is a list of free books your child can also claim if they wish to exchange their token for a book instead.

Thank you, as always, for your support with our reading initiatives.



## Primary football achievement

On Wednesday, our mixed football team took part in the league competition and put in an outstanding performance. Across six fixtures, the team won five games and drew one, showing brilliant teamwork, determination and skill.

Thanks to these fantastic results, they have progressed through to Finals Day! 🏆 🙌



## Year 8 Badminton



Well done to our year 8 badminton team who represented Armfield on Monday at Stanley Park! They all played fantastic singles games, with two of our girls finishing in 1st place, two finishing in 2nd and three finishing in third. The girls played with respect and integrity and represented Armfield with pride.

## Year 7 Basketball

On Friday night our Year 7 Basketball team travelled to Garstang Academy to play the final game in their qualifying group.

We took 16 players who all contributed to a brilliant performance, winning 18-10.

We now move onto the quarter final, Well Done to all the players.





## Blackpool Council Symposium

Please join in congratulating the following students on representing Armfield amazingly on Tuesday at the Blackpool Council Symposium.

**Amelia, DJ, Archie and Ozzy.**

The meeting was based around “***What should be done to support young peoples’ mental health in Blackpool?***”.

The students came up with some great ideas such as QR codes around schools and at bus stops that linked in to dedicated mental health support teams. They also suggested having more motivational speakers in assembly to talk about current issues.

The students engaged in discussions and workshops and the information from this will be fed back to Dr. Arif Rajpura – Director of Public Health at Blackpool Council. It was a pleasure to support them.

Mrs Kerby



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about **WHATSAPP**

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## CHECK IN WITH YOUR FRIENDS

If one of your friends doesn't seem OK, checking in on them can make a huge difference. One in every five children struggles with their mental health, so let's make sure we support each other through any difficult times.

**BE A GOOD LISTENER**

**ASK HOW YOU CAN HELP**

**SHOW EMPATHY**

**SEND A NICE MESSAGE**

**BE KIND**

**BE SUPPORTIVE**

**TELL A TRUSTED ADULT**

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

**Best wishes,**

The Armfield Academy Team