



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.

Messages

- We would like to thank all year 9 parents for attending options evening this week. It was a huge success and we look forward to begin the GCSE journey with our year 9 students.
Year 8 parents evening has gone live on MCAS. Please organise your appointments and contact us if you have problems. It is important all parents attend to support the school in ensuring your young person is achieving their potential. Big push on uniform for our young people next week please. Could we ask all parents to ensure your young people are ready to learn with full equipment and full school uniform.
Please ensure your young person comes to school with a water bottle.
- This week the children have enjoyed getting involved in our science fair, photos to follow next week!
- We are raising funds for the Blesma The Limbless Veterans charity in memory of Patrick Burns. Please click the click to see his story with us at Armfield.

[Just Giving - Mr Burns](#)



Secondary Uniform – Improving Standards

Our students have again done brilliantly this week in upholding the high expectations we have with uniform and have added wearing the correct shoes to ties and blazers that we have already focused on during previous weeks. As previously noted, high expectations and standards of uniform play an important role in creating a positive learning environment. They promote a sense of pride in the school, ensure equality among students, and help maintain a calm, purposeful atmosphere that supports learning and behaviour. The focus next week is on every student wearing appropriate trousers or skirts around the school site.

- **Week commencing 24th February** – every student wearing the correct tie & shirts tucked in
- **Week commencing 2nd March** – every student is wearing a school blazer
- **Week commencing 9th March** – every student is wearing appropriate school shoes
- **Week commencing 16th March** – every student is wearing appropriate trousers or skirt

In terms of skirts, they must be an acceptable length and can be worn with tights if preferred. To help guide you with trousers, the following picture highlights what will and will not be accepted:

Examples of **correct** trousers



Examples of trousers that are **not allowed**



School black trousers should be a traditional style, formal, smart and not tight fitting. The bottom of the trousers should sit on the shoe and not cling to the leg. Lycra, skinny type trousers, leggings are not acceptable



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As a reminder, we ask for your support in checking that your child attends school each day in the correct uniform. Students who do not meet uniform expectations will be asked to correct this by their form tutors at the start of each school day and then will be consistently challenged to ensure ongoing compliance during the school day. ***If a student receives 3 uniform behaviour points for wearing incorrect uniform on any given day, they will be issued with a 1-hour after school detention on the same day.***

We do have uniform in school that can be borrowed if a student arrives to school without the correct uniform. In this case, they will be able to borrow the uniform they need by handing in their mobile phone in exchange for the uniform needed. When returning the borrowed uniform at the end of the school day, they will have their mobile phone returned.

Mobile Phones – Following UK government guidance

In light of recently published government guidance, we must also remind you that the use of mobile phones, headphones and earpods at school is strictly prohibited. **Students are required to turn off their phones and remove headphones/earpods and store them in their bags while on school site** – this is non-negotiable other than for medical purposes, which would be included within an individual health-care plan for an individual student. Any student found with a mobile phone or headphones/earpods will have the item confiscated and parents/carers can collect it from the reception at the end of the school day.



'An Academy to be Proud of'

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Weekly maths challenge



9 times table

$$1 \times 9 = 9$$

$$2 \times 9 = 18$$

$$3 \times 9 = 27$$

$$4 \times 9 = 36$$

$$5 \times 9 = 45$$

$$6 \times 9 = 54$$

$$7 \times 9 = 63$$

$$8 \times 9 = 72$$

$$9 \times 9 = 81$$

$$10 \times 9 = 90$$

$$11 \times 9 = 99$$

$$12 \times 9 = 108$$

Timestables.co.uk



The foundation of all mathematics is the times tables. It is important to enable fast mental arithmetic, problem solving and developing maths confidence.

Please can we ask parents to work hard with their you people to ensure they can do their times tables.

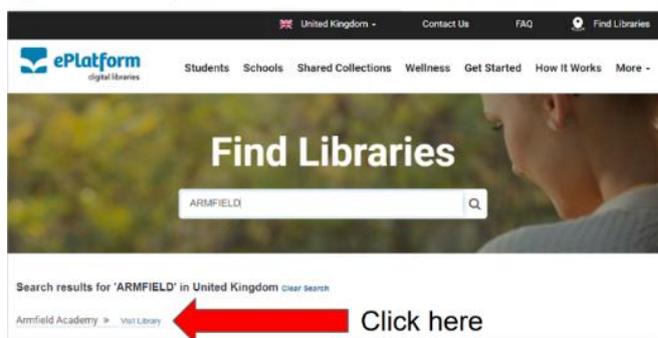
ARMFIELD LIBRARY



We currently have 343 overdue books. Please could students check at home to see if they have any books outstanding. There will be no consequence for bringing any late books back in.



eplatform.co/gb/find-libraries



Use your school Google login

ASK IN THE LIBRARY FOR MORE INFORMATION

BORROW eBOOKS

BROWSE A WIDE SELECTION

RESERVE BOOKS

BORROW AUDIOBOOKS



Don't forget we have a wonderful E-Library with hundreds of fiction and non-fiction books that can either be read on a device or listened to as an audio book. There is a link to the website at the bottom of the school's homepage.

Well done to year 8's who are the current top library loaners with 39%

Year 7 Rugby Success!

A huge well done to our Year 7 students who showcased incredible spirit at the T1 Rugby Tournament this past Monday. Competing against several schools from across Blackpool, our team approached every match with infectious enthusiasm and total commitment. Out of five highly competitive games, the girls secured three impressive wins!

The team proved their resilience by playing through the best—and worst—of the Blackpool weather, braving heavy rain and wind before finally finishing in the sunshine. A highlight of the afternoon was the opportunity to work with professional coaches from Fylde Rugby Club, whose expert "tips and tricks" took the girls' gameplay to the next level. We are incredibly proud of their performance and can't wait to see them back in action at the next tournament on March 23rd!"





What to expect from the Board Games Group



I Am Dylan

@ Empowerment Charity

Our board game group is designed as a way for people to socialise without having the focus on themselves.

If this is your **first time attending**, please speak to a member of staff upon arrival so that you are properly greeted, signed in and shown around the building.

No **food** is served but we ask that you please let a member of staff know if you have any allergies and we ask that you try to avoid bringing any food with you for those that may have allergies.

You can have **someone to support** you in these sessions and stay with you until you feel comfortable, no matter how long that may be.

For those **not wishing to engage** in conversation, colouring, a games console and puzzles are provided.

- I am Dylan is a **respectful and welcoming space** and we ask anyone attending to please act likewise. Other than that there are **no expectations** at the group. You are free to mingle as you wish.
- You can leave early or arrive late if this would help and please speak to a member of staff if you would like to meet them before an event.
- You can also bring your **own games** if you are happy and confident in teaching them to others.
- We have a **quiet space** set aside for anyone struggling with stimulation. You should be told where this is on your first visit but if you are not sure please ask a member of staff.
- Many people can **struggle with noise** so we ask that you try to keep voices to a respectful level, and move closer to people that you wish to speak to in order to avoid talking over the room.



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The I Am Dylan Drop In

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- The group is **purposefully unstructured** to allow a relaxed atmosphere and when games and activities are being run **you are free to engage or not engage as you prefer**.
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Women's Wellbeing Drop In



Wednesday 14th January

6-8PM

Wednesday 11th February

6-8PM

Wednesday 11th March

6-8PM

Wednesday 8th April

6-8PM

Empowering women through connection and mindfulness: together we walk, talk, and heal, embracing coping strategies and relaxation techniques to navigate life's challenges.

Suicide Support Family Sessions



Wednesday 28th January

6-8PM

Wednesday 25th February

6-8PM

Wednesday 25th March

6-8PM

Wednesday 22nd April

6-8PM

Together, we support families through the pain of losing a loved one to suicide. Everyone, of all ages is welcome to find comfort and connection.

Link for Solace website

[Empowerment charity](#)



House System Update

In the secondary school, we ran two popular competitions this week.

To celebrate National Science Week, we conducted a group project competition on the topic of 'Curiosity'. Year 7, 8 & 9 pupils were placed into house teams and put together excellent presentations based on an area of scientific curiosity. The winning house was:

- 1st - 50 points = **Citrine** [22 winning presentations]
- 2nd - 40 points = **Ruby & Sapphire** [16 winning presentations]
- 3rd - 30 points = **Emerald & Amethyst** [13 winning presentations]



Earlier today, we held a 'One Bounce' football activity. Each house formed a circle and had to keep a rally continuing, allowing the ball to bounce once inside the circle between passes. **Amethyst** won, with an impressive 162-pass rally.



- 1st - 50 points = **Amethyst** [162 rally]
- 2nd - 40 points = **Sapphire** [69 rally]
- 3rd - 30 points = **Emerald** [64 rally]
- 4th - 20 points = **Citrine*** [59 rally]
- 5th - 10 points = **Ruby** [57 rally]
- * [+10 participation]



The 10-point bonus was again handed **Sapphire House** as a result of having the highest average attendance [91.23%].

*Thank you for your continued support—we love celebrating our students' successes with you! **Best wishes,**
The Armfield Academy Team*