

# ATAM NEWS



Autumn Term: 25th October 2024

Dates for your diary:



4th-8th November 2024- Year 11 Mock Exams

13th November 2024- Flu Immunisations

14th November 2024- KVI Open Evening

15th November 2024- Gurpurab Day (Academy Closed)



## ATAM Jack Petchey Award Winners

We would like to congratulate our outstanding students Alexis Tavares, Hana Omar, Avneet Bansal, Amandeep Kaur, Hayden Aaron-Smith, and Drini Palushi on receiving the prestigious Jack Petchey Awards. These awards celebrate their exceptional dedication, leadership, and positive contributions to the ATAM Academy community. An additional congratulations to our staff leader award recipient, Mandy Virk, for her inspiring commitment to supporting our students. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the positive impact they have made on our school.

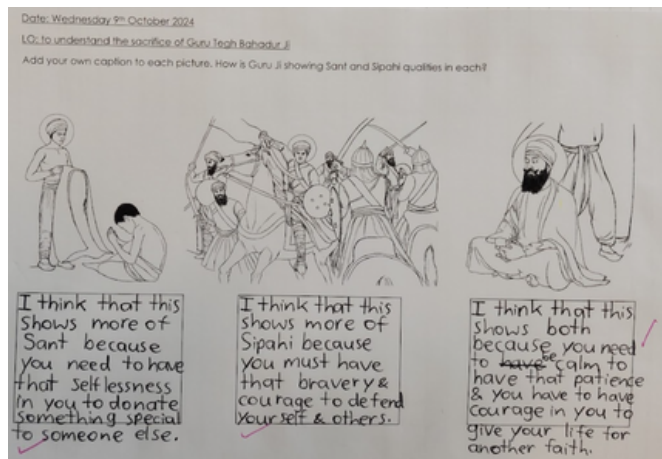
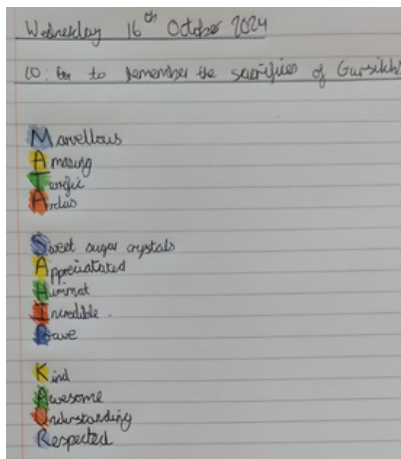


# PRIMARY



## Sikh Studies- Year 6

This half term Year 6 has been looking at the concept of Sant Sipahiee in Sikh Studies. They have shown great understanding of how our Gurus embodied both and how Gursikhs from the past set a great example for us. Here are some examples of their artwork, poems and written work on this subject.



## Year 2 Update



This week in English, we have taken on the role of authors. We have been writing the story to accompany the pictures in the book Journey by Aaron Becker. The children have been focusing on punctuation, using expanded noun phrases, and retelling the story events in the correct order.

In Maths, we have been securing our knowledge of place value in preparation for our learning next half term. We've been practicing counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s.

We continue to recite the Mool Mantar twice a day, not only in preparation for the Mool Mantar competition but also to help us focus before learning time.

In Sikh Studies, we've been learning about the 5Ks of Sikhism; naming them and understanding their importance.

In History, we have been learning about the Great Fire of London. The children can now explain why the fire spread so quickly through the city.

Thank you for your continued support – we look forward to sharing more of our learning journey with you soon!





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## EYFS

All the children across EYFS really enjoyed their Diwali and Bandi chor talk/ activities. It was even more magical for the nursery children. All we could hear was, 'WOW' from them all. Children took part in making Divas, cards, firework pictures and creating their own rangoli patterns using different coloured pasta. We will continue with further discussions today. After half term we will talk about how they celebrated it. Happy Bandi Chor and Happy Diwali for next week



## Some of our Fabula Summer Reading Challenge Winners:





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## Science Superstars!

We are thrilled to share the exciting developments in our Science program! The energy and enthusiasm surrounding Science at Atam have created a vibrant atmosphere where curiosity thrives. Our students are not just learning; they are deeply engaged and inspired by their explorations.

### Celebrating Our Achievements

We are proud to announce that our Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) has been awarded, reflecting our teachers' unwavering commitment to delivering high-quality science education. This prestigious recognition highlights the dedication of our staff to ensure that every lesson is not just informative but also inspiring.

### Get Involved!

As we head into half term, we want to keep the momentum going! We encourage all students and families to participate in some fun science projects at home. These will be shared with you on Google Classroom. Whether it's a simple experiment or a creative science-themed art project, we want to see your innovative ideas! Please share your pictures and experiences on Google Classroom; we can't wait to celebrate your creativity!



## Year 4



Year 4, completed a Science experiment to see which liquids dissolved marble chips (acting as teeth).

They also tried to solve a roman numeral tarsia puzzle in Maths!



## Primary Head Coverings

We kindly ask that all primary children bring their own labelled head coverings for Santhiya and Spiritual Assembly. These can be safely stored in their trays at school. Thank you for your cooperation in supporting this important aspect of our spiritual practice.

## French Update

**Year 3:** Pupils have learned how to say their name, their age and how to describe the colour of their pet. Well done to them for having worked really hard this half term!

**Year 4:** Pupils have learned how to describe their character. They have also learned how to give a physical description of themselves. They demonstrated such great enthusiasm! :-)

## Year 5 Art

Well done to the whole of Year 5 for applying knowledge and skills to create a mixed media self-portrait in Art this term. Chosen children to share their hard work for this newsletter are Sukhmani, Dhiraj, Dharam, Harsleen, Balihaar, Hukampreet, Gurmukh, Harvir, Inderpal, Jaiveer, Jessy, Aviraj, Gavlin, Nihaal and Gurnoor.





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## Year 1- Exciting Visit to the Museum of Childhood!



We're excited to share that our recent trip to the Museum of Childhood was a huge success! The children had a fantastic time exploring toys from the past, which sparked great curiosity and excitement.

They had the opportunity to make connections between toys from different eras and compare them with what they use today.

It was a wonderful learning experience, and the children thoroughly enjoyed discovering how toys have changed over time. It was a trip full of fun, discovery, and hands-on learning!



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# SECONDARY/ KVI



## UKMT Senior Maths Championship

A very big congratulations to Simran Kaur Kahlon, Gurpreet Singh and Shabit Ahmed for achieving bronze certificates in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge 2024. We are very proud of your hard work and efforts!

Mr. Tilk



United Kingdom  
Mathematics Trust



## Secondary Science

At Atam Secondary, we are thrilled to witness an incredible wave of commitment and engagement in our science classes. Our students have shown remarkable dedication, making it a joy to observe their hard work and enthusiasm. Homework assignments have taken on a new dimension, allowing students to deepen their subject knowledge and better prepare for their lessons. This approach has significantly enhanced their learning experience. Moreover, our practical lessons are met with excitement and energy, showcasing our students' passion for science. We encourage all our students to keep up the fantastic work. Together, let's celebrate their achievements and support their journey in science!

bonjour

## French Update



merci

**Year 7:** We have started our school year with lots of topics which the students have been very happy to explore, from introducing themselves, to saying what they have in their school bag and talking about their family members. They have been very happy to attend each French lesson!

**Year 8:** Students in Y8 have worked really hard since the beginning of the school year and they have covered a variety of topics which include books, tv programs, music and cinema. Students have also enjoyed using past tense verbs when they learned about describing activities which happened in the past.

**Year 9:** This half term students have been able to learn how to describe a celebrity of their choice, how to talk about social media and to use modal verbs to invite a friend somewhere.

**Year 10:** students have started their KS4 preparation and have completed module 1 of the course book Studio Rouge (family, friends, using past and future tense verbs to describe their weekend).

**Year 11:** students have now completed 7 modules out of the 8 modules of the course book Studio Rouge. They are very committed in each lesson knowing that their mock exam will take place soon after the half term. We wish them the very best of luck with their exam! :-)



# SECONDARY/ KVI



## Visit from Harjap Bhangal- Career Pathways in Law

Last week we were very lucky to have Harjap Bhangal come and speak to the Year 12 students about different career pathways in law. Harjap is an immigration lawyer and he was able to share his valuable experiences and challenges that he faced when trying to start his career in law. He shared many words of wisdom and the students were able to take away lots of information about the different options available in Law.



## Year 12 Careers Fair

On Wednesday 16th October many of our Y12 students attended a Careers Fair in Bishopsgate. This is part of our Post-16 Personal Development programme which aims to broaden the horizons of our students.



# SECONDARY/ KVI



## Year 7 PSHE

Year 7 have been working hard on careers and employability skills. They have been creating their own hotels in teams to build their teamwork skills. We are very impressed with their efforts!

## Year 9 PSHE

Year 9 have been working on SMART targets and personal strengths, working closely on personal reflection before they make decisions regarding their GCSE options.



## Mobile Phones



We would like to remind all parents and students of our school's mobile phone policy. Students are required to keep their phones switched off and stored in their school bags throughout the school day. The use of mobile phones during school hours is strictly prohibited. If a student needs to contact their parents, they must do so through the school's reception using the school telephone. Similarly, if parents need to reach their child during school hours, they should contact the school via telephone or email. **Please note that any student found using their phone during the day, or keeping it in their blazer or trouser pockets, will have their phone confiscated. In such cases, parents will be asked to collect the phone from the school.** The pastoral and SLT teams will be conducting spot checks to ensure all students are complying with the school rules. The same rules apply to air pods/ ear buds, and a further reminder that smart watches are banned.

## Uniform



All students must have the correct uniform on, when in school. They must ensure that they are not wearing excessive jewellery, artificial nails, nail polish and make up is prohibited. Students who do not comply, will have items confiscated and will be asked to remove make-up and nail polish. Skirt lengths must also be knee-length. If there is a reason for your child to be missing an item of their uniform, please write a note in their planners explaining this.



## ClassCharts

## Detentions

A reminder that if your child is late to school in the morning, they will receive a 20 minute lunchtime late-detention to serve on the same day.

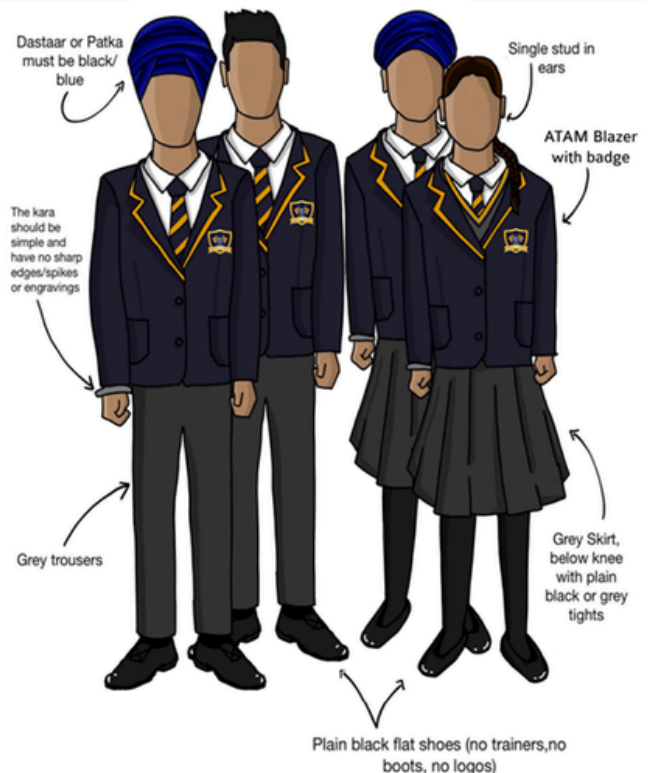
Any other detentions logged on Class Charts that are 15-30 minutes will be served on the same day that it was logged. 60 minute detentions logged will be served the following day, and 90 minute SLT detentions are served on Fridays.

Please ensure you have logged in to Class Charts as a parent/carer to ensure you receive the updates.

## Kara/ Salahee



Please be reminded that for health and safety reasons, students must wear a Kara no wider than 1cm. Additionally, the Salahee (hair tidy) must be kept in school bags and should not be tucked into the Patka or Dastaar, or kept in blazer pockets. These measures are in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.







# PASTORAL NOTICES

## Year 7

Congratulations, Year 7! You've done a fantastic job settling into secondary school and embracing this new adventure. It's inspiring to see how well you're following our school values – showing Pyaar, Himmat and Chardi Kala. Keep up the great work, supporting one another to be the best you can. I am proud of you all and excited to see all the amazing things you'll achieve for the rest of the year. Below are a few shout outs for the first half-term;

**- Shout out to 7A** for an amazing achievement – you've earned the highest number of Positive Points in all of Year 7. Your hard work, dedication, and positive attitudes are truly paying off. Keep up the fantastic effort, 7A – you're setting a brilliant example for everyone.

**- Big shout out to Souleymane D** for embodying Chardi Kala! Your positivity and resilience, even when things get challenging, truly stand out. You've also shown incredible adaptability, handling changes and new situations. Keep being an inspiration, **Souleymane.**

**(Un grand bravo à Souleymane D** pour incarner l'esprit de Chardi Kala ! Ta positivité et ta résilience, même quand les choses se compliquent, sont vraiment remarquables. Tu as également fait preuve d'une incroyable adaptabilité en gérant les changements et les nouvelles situations. Continue d'inspirer les autres, Souleymane).



## Year 11 Update



A huge well done to our year 11 students for demonstrating chardi kala (resilience) and dharam (righteousness) throughout the start of their GCSE mock examinations. Students have made an excellent start to their interventions and we wish them the best of luck for their second week of exams, on their return from the half-term break.

## Year 9 Shout-Out

well done!

A huge well done to Karam L. for being our 'Most Improved' in Year 9 this half term! Your hard work in improving your behaviour and staying focused on classwork has truly paid off, and we're so proud of your progress. Keep up the fantastic effort, Karam!

## Year 10 Shout-Out

well done!

A huge well done to Gayatri, Aryan B and Karamveer for their resilience and hard work this half term! We are very proud of your achievements and efforts this half-term. Keep it up!

## Year 8 Shout Out

A huge well done to Ravinder Singh for being our 'Most Improved' in Year 8 this half term! Your hard work in improving your behaviour and staying focused on classwork has paid off immensely.



## Parent Reminder: Class Charts



Please ensure that you have downloaded the Class Charts app with your parent login details, to ensure you receive all notifications for merits and sanctions.

## Pastoral Team Shout-Out



Well done to Miss Weston and Miss Kaur for being wonderful additions to our pastoral team as directors of learning, and settling in well this half-term!

# NOTICES

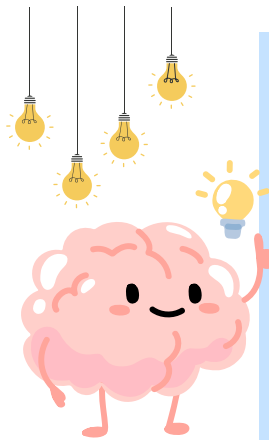


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## Mool Mantar Jaap

We are pleased to announce that in the latest count, we have managed to complete over 160,000 Mool Mantar as a school. Whilst this is a great effort, we still have quite a lot to do to meet our target of 1,000,000 by Friday 22nd of November, when we will be celebrating Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Gurburab in school. Please can you continue to encourage the students to complete Mool Mantar at home and submit their count in the classroom Jaap Jar. Thank you for your continued support in meeting this target together.



## Year 11 Interventions

Year 11 students will continue to attend subject based interventions after half-term. These will be before school, during lunchtime and after school. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Choudhry.



## Go Fund Me Page

On 26th August 2024, a fire broke out in the Spectrum Building on Freshwater Road, Dagenham. The fire has destroyed the homes of countless families, including one of our own pupils at ATAM Academy. The school and local authorities are assisting the family, however, we as their ATAM family, and in the Sikh spirit of Chardi Kala would like to support this family as they try to restart their life. This page aims to raise funds to help this family replace some of their essential possessions destroyed in the fire. Details of the family involved will remain strictly confidential, however the family supports this fundraiser. All donations raised will go directly to the family.

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## Primary Christmas Preparations

Next half-term primary students will be preparing for their annual visit to King George Hospital to sing Christmas carols to the visitors and patients.

Year 2 will also be working hard towards their end of term performance. We look forward to sharing our updates with you over the half-term!





## A BIG WIN FOR OUR YEAR 9 FOOTBALL TEAM!

The Year 9 football team put in a truly determined performance against Chadwell Heath School, stepping onto the field with just 11 players. With no substitutes to rely on, every player knew they'd have to give it everything from start to finish.

The match was intense and hard-fought, with both sides creating opportunities, but it was Omar J who broke the deadlock with a powerful shot that found the back of the net, putting us one-nil up and setting the team on a path to victory. Throughout the game, Ilyas A showed incredible resilience and skill, covering ground tirelessly and making key plays both offensively and defensively. His standout performance earned him the well-deserved title of Player of the Match.

A big congratulations to the whole team for their grit and determination!



## Primary PE growing in leaps and bounds!

Primary PE has made great strides this year, focusing on building essential transferable skills through our multiskills unit. This unit has empowered students by developing their coordination, agility, and teamwork, which are useful across various sports and activities. In this picture, Mr. Oh is leading a lively dodgeball lesson with Year 4, where pupils are practicing these core skills in a fun, high-energy environment. It's been fantastic to see the students grow in confidence and ability and we look forward to how they will develop throughout the year!

*The ATAM*

# Elites

*Do you have what it takes to be an ATAM Elite?*

***Criteria:***

- *You must be Year 7 to Year 13.*
- *You need to be exceptional in a sport or sports or coaching / leadership*
- *You must be committed and driven*
- *You need to be willing to listen and learn*

*To apply please give a letter of interest to Mr. G Allen explaining why you should be selected to become an ATAM Elite and what you bring to the team.*

*Good luck!*

To apply for the ATAM Elites, students from Year 7 to Year 13 need to write a letter of interest addressed to Mr. G. Allen. In this letter, applicants must explain why they deserve to be chosen as an ATAM Elite and what unique qualities they will bring to the team. The criteria for selection include being exceptional in a sport or leadership role, being committed and driven, and demonstrating a willingness to listen and learn.

Please note that not everyone will be selected, but this is not a one-time opportunity—students are encouraged to apply again in the future if they are not successful this time. Good luck!

In addition to this, Primary pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 have a new exciting opportunity coming your way!

The ATAM Spartans will be starting in the next half term and more information about this will follow.



## SPORTS CLUBS AUT-2

<b>Mon</b>	Karate (Beginners White & Red)	3pm-4.15pm	Primary	Year 1-6
<b>Tue</b>	Boxing- Primary	3pm-4pm	Primary	Year 2-6
<b>Tue</b>	Kickboxing	3pm-4pm	Both	Year 4-12
<b>Wed</b>	Boxing	3pm-4pm	Both	Year 4-12
<b>Wed</b>	Football	3pm-4pm	Primary	Year 3-6 Boys and Girls
<b>Wed</b>	Basketball	3pm-4pm	Secondary	Year 7-9
<b>Wed</b>	JiuJitsu- Weapons	3pm-4pm	Both	Year 3-12
<b>Thu</b>	Kids Yoga	3pm-4pm	Primary	Year 2-6
<b>Thu</b>	Gymnastics	3pm-4pm	Primary	Year 3-6
<b>Thu</b>	Karate (Yellow & Above)	3pm-4.15pm	Primary	Year 3-11
<b>Fri</b>	Netball	3pm-4.15pm	Secondary	Year 7-12 Girls
<b>Fri</b>	Football	2.45pm-4pm	Secondary	Year 7-11 Boys and Girls
<b>Fri</b>	Hockey	3pm-4pm	Secondary	Year 7-11 Boys
<b>Fri</b>	Badminton	3pm-4pm	Primary	Year 4 - 6

We're excited to offer a fantastic range of clubs next half term, giving pupils the chance to try new activities, sharpen skills, and connect with friends.

We have new additions of primary gymnastics club on wednesdays and girls football on fridays!

Sign-ups are open until the end of the first week back, 08/11/24. Please note: no sign-ups will be accepted after this date, so make sure you register early to secure your spot!