

ATAM NEWS



Autumn Term 1 : 27th September 2024

ATAM ACADEMY

OPEN EVENING
Tuesday 1st October 5-7pm

"Pupils at Atam Academy have positive, committed attitudes to their learning. The school's curriculum is ambitious for all, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Pupils understand the importance of the school's values."

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Dates for your diary:

- 30th September 2024- Year 4 Meet the Teacher
- 1st October 2024- Year 6 Open Evening
- 2nd October 2024- Year 5 Meet the Teacher
- 3rd October 2024- KVI Information Evening
- 7th October- Year 1 Phonics Parent Meeting
- 8th October 2024- Year 6 Open Morning
- 9th October- Year 6 Open Morning
- 9th October 2024- Year 6 Meet the Teacher
- 10th October 2024- Year 2 Meet the Teacher

ATAM Academy
Annual
Sri Mool Mantar Jaap
Target
1,000,000
by 22nd Nov 2024

CELEBRATING 555TH PARKASH OF SRI GURU NANAK DEV JI

reminder:

We would like to remind you to download the Weduc- reachmoreparents app as soon as possible. Please check your emails for more information on the new communications app.

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Mool Mantar Jaap

We are pleased to announce the start of our annual Mool Mantar Jaap!

This year to celebrate the 555th Parkash Purab (coming into this world) of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, we have set the target to achieve 1,000,000 Mool Mantar Jaaps. Pupils have until Wednesday 21st November 2024 to complete this friendly class competition with the winning class being known as 'Mool Mntar Champions'.

PRIMARY



Meet the Teacher

30th September 2024- Year 4 Meet the Teacher
2nd October- Year 5 Meet the Teacher
9th October 2024- Year 6 Meet the Teacher
10th October 2024- Year 2 Meet the Teacher

During this meeting, teachers will present important information about:

- The year group curriculum and what your child will be learning
- Upcoming events and key dates for the year
- Expectations regarding homework, uniform, and general classroom routines
- This is a great opportunity for parents to gain an understanding of the year ahead and ask any questions.

Curriculum Overviews



Curriculum overviews for subject areas have been shared on Google classroom.

Please log in to Google classroom to take a look at these and speak with your child's class teachers if you have any questions.



Year 6 Open Events



A reminder that we will be hosting our year 6 open events next week, for all students in year 6. This is an opportunity for you to see what each subject has to offer, get involved in activities and receive a short presentation from colleagues and students in secondary. Please check the 'dates for your diary' section of the newsletter. We look forward to seeing you all there!

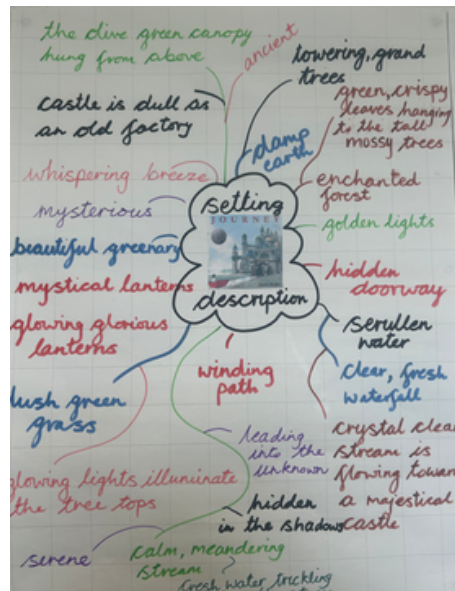
Year 6



This half term, Year 6 have been diving into the historical fiction genre with the novel *Goodnight Mr Tom* by Michelle Magorian. The story follows Willie Beech, a young boy evacuated to the countryside during World War II, and his growing relationship with his new guardian, Mr Tom.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the rich historical context of the novel and have written beautiful setting descriptions, skillfully incorporating adjectives, personification, and similes. Their creativity and hard work have truly shone through in their writing. We are excited to further enrich this learning with our upcoming school trip to the Open Air Museum, where students will have the opportunity to connect with the historical themes we've been studying.

Above the countryside are white, fluffy clouds floating peacefully across the vivid, blue sky. A gleaming river stood grandly, while ~~boats~~ boats swim across. Cows mowed on the lush, green grass while swans swim elegantly. Mystical trees whispered away and a rickety fence leaned deeply in the grass. In the distance, stood verdant trees. The grass swayed as the cows munched. The swans slept lazily in the serene water. A flock of birds flew by chirping and ~~scree~~ squawking loudly. A few flowers danced happily. The fiery sun glistened down on the countryside. Clouds danced in the sky. They hovered over the land.



Under a clear, blue sky on a warm, sunny day, sweet, melodious birds danced harmoniously around the green, ancient oak trees. Graceful white swans swim effortlessly through the serene, meandering, serene water. A calm breeze brings the delicate aroma of sweet orange flowers towards me. Bright, white clouds dot the bright, luminous sky. Long, gnarled branches sway, while the black and white cows slowly munch on the yellow grass. As I look down on the golden meadow, a small, wooden boat travels silently in the tranquil water, which meanders around the countryside landscapes. The calm, rippling grass feels as soft as butter.



SECONDARY/ KVI



A huge congratulations to our 2023-2024 winners of the Jack Petchey Award:

Avneet Bansal- Year 9
Amandeep Kaur- Year 11
Drini Palushi- Year 11
Hana Omar- Year 11
Hayden Aaron-Smith- ATAM Alumni
Alexis Tavares- ATAM Alumni

Our winners have been invited to an awards ceremony later this year, where they will receive recognition for their efforts and achievements.



Year 11 Interventions

Year 11 students will be invited from next week to attend subject based interventions.

These may be before school, during lunchtime and after school. Individual letters will be sent out to parents; attendance is compulsory. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Choudhry.



Pastoral Chai & Chat
17th October 2024- 8.45am
Mr. Virk and Mr. Yates

You will hear about why pastoral care is such an important part of life at Atam Academy, and how it helps foster a positive and nurturing environment for all students.

There will also be time for you to ask any questions you may have, and to discuss how the school and parents can work together to support your child's success both academically and personally.



Year 12 Parent Information Evening

Khalsa VI Redbridge will be holding its very first parent information evening for parents/ carers of our year 12 students, on Thursday 3rd October 5-6pm.

Wall of Fame

Well done to Aasha Assi in year 7, for completing an exceptional piece of work in English!



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.

SECONDARY/ KVI



Duke of Edinburgh

Our year 10 and 11 students have been away on their Duke of Edinburgh expedition, and having lots of fun camping in the rain. We look forward to their return next week and hearing all about how they got on!



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.



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.

NOTICES



Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa! Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh!

I recently had the pleasure of spending two days at Atam Academy, and I was truly inspired by the warm and welcoming atmosphere. It was my first time to the site and seeing the beautiful design of the school gave me a sense of pride that I am now able to utilise my experience in education and my passion for Sikhi to help bolster the provisions that are already in place across The Khalsa Academies Trust.

Throughout my visit, I had the opportunity to speak with staff, students, and parents, all of whom shared wonderful insights into what makes Atam such a special place. One of the highlights was walking along the corridor and hearing the melodic voices of young children reciting Mool Mantar together. It was a beautiful moment that showcased the strong spiritual values that are so integral to the school community. The students were fully engaged, and the sense of focus and togetherness in the room was inspiring.

Beyond observing lessons, I also had meaningful conversations with the staff, gaining a better understanding of the school's vision and goals, and how I can support them in fulfilling the Sikh Studies curriculum across the Primary and Secondary phases. Speaking with parents at the Stakeholders Engagement evening further confirmed the passion and drive that the school community has for the children in our care.

I am truly looking forward to becoming part of this incredible community and contributing to its ongoing success.

Jas Singh
Trust Faith Lead



Music at ATAM



As the new academic year starts we at ATAM Academy are providing students with the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument at school. To achieve this, we work in partnership with specialist teachers from Redbridge Music Service, PianoFunClub, Rocksteady school and Music Mission.

We offer lessons in the following instruments:

- Guitar
- Tabla / Mridingam
- Strings (violin, viola, cello)
- Woodwind (flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon)
- Drums
- Bands (drums, guitar, singing, synthesizer)

Please look at the attached files and links for more information on how to sign your child up.

Redbridge Music Service (Guitar, Tabla/Mridingam, Strings, Woodwind) - <https://ukvisionrcl.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

Music Mission (Drums) - <https://www.musicmission.co.uk/#enroll>

PianoFunClub (Piano) - <https://www.pianofunclub.co.uk/parent-page>

Rocksteady (Bands) - <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/info-for-parents/>

Lunches



A reminder that we are a vegetarian, nut and egg-free school. All packed lunches and snacks should adhere to this.

Please ensure your child's lunch balance remains as positive. All negative balances must be cleared as soon as possible using the Reach My Parents app. Please contact us if you need any support in setting up and using this.

Visit from L-Fresh- Australian Sikh Rapper

L-Fresh will be joining us at ATAM on Friday 4th October, for his only live UK-performance during his visit here. He will be spending some time with our students for a Q&A, as well as performing live!



Lost Property

Please ensure your child's uniform, PE kits and other belongings brought into school are clearly labelled with their name and class. This will support us in being able to identify lost property that we have in school.

Together As One

L-Fresh
Australian
Sikh Rapper

Live Performance
& Q&A

Friday 4th
Oct



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ATAM SPORT

THE BIG SHOT

THE INTRODUCTION OF VOLLEYBALL AND SEATED VOLLEYBALL TO THE CURRICULUM

Atam Academy is thrilled to announce the introduction of lunchtime clubs for secondary students, offering a range of activities to enhance student well-being and foster a sense of competition. This year, we are particularly excited to introduce volleyball into our Key Stage 4 curriculum, offering students a dynamic and engaging way to develop their physical skills and teamwork.

As part of our lunchtime clubs, the Year 7 students were the first to have been enjoying seated volleyball as an alternative sport, providing an inclusive and fun way for everyone to get involved, regardless of experience or ability. The club has already seen enthusiastic participation, as students embrace this unique and accessible version of volleyball.

A big shoutout to Mr. Praise our PGCE trainee PE teacher who has helped guide our pupils in this new adventure.

We look forward to seeing more students taking advantage of these opportunities to stay active and engaged during their school day!



OUR SECONDARY PUPILS HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK!

