

Beyond Academic Achievement

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and you have settled back into the second part of the autumn term.

Year 11 Mocks

Today see the end of the majority of mock examinations for Year 11. A few exams will roll over to next week; speaking mocks in French and Panjabi, Art and a few pupils have catch-up mocks due to absence. The results will follow shortly, with students having learning conversations with their subject teachers over this half-term to identify strengths and targets moving forward. Students conducted themselves well throughout the duration of the exams and we look forward to celebrating their successes.

Guru Nanak Devi Ji Gurpurab

A reminder that the academy is closed next Friday (15th November) to allow pupils (and their families) to celebrate the birth of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

Parent Local Advisory Board Member

There is currently one vacancy for a parental representative on our Local Advisory Board (LAB). This is open to all parents of pupils at ATAM Academy in either the primary or secondary phase.

On Monday (11th November) the guidance and self-nomination form will be shared with parents. If you wish to put yourself forward, please complete the nomination form and return it to the academy by 24th November. If we receive more than one nomination, all parents will be balloted at the end of November. If you would like any further information regarding the purpose and remit of the role, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Raminder Shergill (Chair of LAB) r.shergill@tkat.org.uk

Memorial Service for Santosh Kaur Chadha

We will be holding a special prayer service to honour and remember Mrs. Santosh Kaur Chadha, a beloved member of our school community who sadly passed away in November 2023. She had been part of the ATAM Academy journey, as a parent since 2016 and from 2018 as a Teaching Assistant. Mrs Chadha was also one of the founding members of the ATAM

Academy PTA. Her kindness, warmth, and commitment to our school left a lasting impact on us all, and her memory will remain a cherished part of our lives.

The memorial prayer service will be held on Thursday 5th December at 2:20 pm. Parents are requested to assemble outside near the Nishaan Sahib. Gurpreet Singh will be leading us in reciting Chaupai Sahib Paath and an Ardaas to pray for Mrs Chadha and her family. We hope this will be a time for us to come together to celebrate her life and show our appreciation for the positive influence she had on our children, staff, and families.

Following the prayer service, we will be hosting a cake sale, with all proceeds going to Macmillan Cancer Support in Mrs. Chadha's memory. We hope to honour her legacy by raising funds for a charity that provides vital care and support.

We warmly invite you to join us for this afternoon of remembrance. The prayer service will conclude by 2.55pm. Thank you for your support, and we hope you can join us in celebrating the life of Mrs. Santosh Kaur Chadha.

Temporary Changes in Secondary Physical Education

Unfortunately, we have two upcoming medical absences within the PE team. The likelihood that they would both occur at the same time were always slim, but unfortunately the dates coincide with each other. Mr. Allen and Mr. Virk, both of whom will be undergoing surgeries and will require time off work for recovery over the coming weeks.

During their absence, we have adapted our curriculum to ensure that pupils continue to receive high-quality physical activity in each PE lesson. For this period, pupils will engage in our Sports Education programme, a structured approach that promotes active learning and leadership skills.

Sports Education allows pupils to take on various leadership roles within each lesson, with a point-based system that emphasises teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship. This format is closely aligned with our school's sports leadership curriculum, encouraging pupils to develop transferable skills that benefit both their physical and personal development. Each week, pupils will see their scores reflected on a leader-board, adding an element of motivation and healthy competition to the learning experience.

The sports activities covered in Sports Ed will focus on bench ball and football as these are conducive to team-building and skill progression. Please note that for football lessons, pupils are required to bring and wear shin pads for safety.

We thank you for your understanding and support during this time. We are confident that Sports Education will provide an engaging and productive experience for all pupils while Mr. Allen and Mr. Virk are away.

Weduc- Reach More Parents App

As parents are aware we have transitioned away from ParentMail for both communication and payments. To stay up-to-date on school announcements and make lunch payments conveniently, please download the new app: **Weduc - Reach More Parents**.

Downloading Weduc:

- Download the app from the App Store or Google Play.
- Search for "Weduc - Reach More Parents".

Need Help?

If you require any assistance accessing the app, please don't hesitate to email us at info@atamacademy.com. We're happy to help!

Parental Support

Finally, I would like to remind all parents to show respect for our frontline staff. There have been some recent incidents of raised voices in the reception area, and I am requesting for conversations to take place in a calm and professional manner. I am sure you will agree with me, that ATAM staff come to work to support the education of our pupils and we will always endeavour to support parents with any questions or concerns they have.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

Mr. C. Steed

Principal

