

Coppice Academy Newsletter

6th September 2024



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Dates:

- 25/10/2024
School closes for Half Term
- 04/11/2024
School reopens after Half Term
- 06/12/2024
School closed for Inset Day
- 20/12/2024
School closes for Christmas break at 1.30pm
- 06/01/2025
School reopens after Christmas holidays
- 13/02/2025
School closes for Half Term
- 14/02/2025
School closed for Inset Day
- 24/02/2025
School reopens after Half Term
- 11/04/2025
School closes for Easter Holidays

This week



Welcome back!

I hope that you have had a wonderful summer break and are feeling rejuvenated and ready for the new year that lies ahead. The staff are very excited to be back and are looking forward to lots of fun, learning and laughter with your children.

Unfortunately, I have missed the first week of term due to a sudden illness but I am looking forward to being back fighting fit shortly. I did visit on Thursday and it was lovely to see so many familiar and new faces full of enthusiasm and excitement for the year ahead.

I have been told that the students have settled well in their new classes and I am especially delighted to hear that all of the new students have been making new friends and have settled so quickly.

A very warm welcome to our new families and welcome back to our returning families. We are looking forward to working with you throughout this academic year.

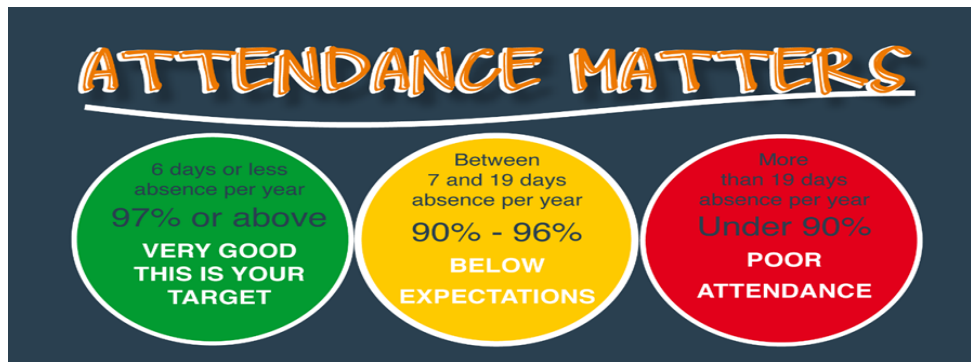
Please congratulate your children for the great start they have made to what I hope will be a great year here at The Coppice.

Mrs Ahearn

Attendance Matters

Promoting positive behaviour and excellent attendance is the responsibility of the whole Academy community. The Academy will promote positive behaviour and good attendance through its use of curriculum and learning materials.

We would like to remind you about the importance of good attendance and punctuality, which as an Academy we take very seriously. Days off school soon add up and missing lessons makes it hard to avoid gaps in learning, resulting in students having to work harder when they come back to catch up and missing vital information that will prevent their progress. There are 175 non-schools days a year for holidays, cultural experiences and family time. It may be useful for you to know what attendance figures mean for your child:



All absences must be reported by 9.00am each day, either by calling us, if we do not answer please leave a message or email using office@coppice.set.org. If you know your child is going to be absent, please let us know in advance.

Arriving late to school and into lessons is very disruptive for the teacher and other class members. It also means that a late student misses important information from their teacher. All students should be at the Academy, on time, every day the Academy is open. The Academy day starts with registration at 8.40am and students will be expected to be in the classroom at that time.

Communication

In recent years, communications between home and school have shifted quite dramatically from pen and paper to email, with email becoming the preferred and predominant mode of communication.

Email provides us with a quick, efficient and easy means of communication. As a result, it is used for a wide range of communications. The ease of communication via email has many advantages but there is an increasing expectation for an almost instantaneous reply.

As a school, our first priority is to deliver high quality teaching and learning. On any one day a teacher will have a plethora of demands on their time including up to five hours of teaching (and tutor time, lunch duties and activities, after school training and meetings). Teachers cannot and are not expected to monitor and manage their inbox during lessons or at other times in the day, when they should be planning and preparing for lessons, assessing student work or carrying out school duties.

We are recommending that parents/carers contact the Academy via the office email, NOT via individual staff email. Our email address is office@coppice.set.org. Parents/carers and external service providers are welcome to contact all school staff through this central point. All emails are treated with full confidentiality and can be forwarded to staff as appropriate. Parents should be aware that if the communication is urgent or a child protection and safety issue they should contact the school by telephone.

As of September 2024 all email communication is to go through the central point of the office email (office@coppice.set.org).

Flu Immunisation Session

The School Immunisation team will be visiting the Academy on Friday 4th October 2024 to deliver the Nasal Flu spray. The link to the consent form will be sent via Parent Mail soon.



ParentPay

All new students were given a letter to take home on Thursday to activate their ParentPay account. The Academy uses ParentPay not only for pay for school lunches but also to pay for school visits.

If you require any help to set up your account please contact us.

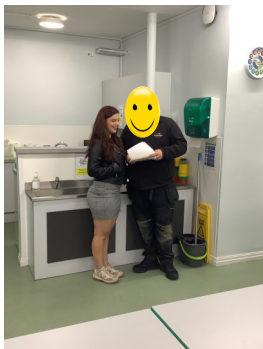


Examination Results 2024

On Thursday 22nd August students collected their long awaited examination results.

All students left our Academy with accreditations including Entry Level and Vocational courses, Level 1 and 2 coursework-based qualifications and GCSEs. We are so proud of each and every one of them!

Every member of the class of 2024 has either started a college or training placement this week and we wish them every success for the future.



Cake Donations

On Tuesday 1st October we will be holding a cake sale for students and staff, to raise money for Macmillan, who support those living with cancer.

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

We would really appreciate any donations of shop bought cakes. If you would be willing to donate any shop bought cakes, please send them into school as soon as possible and by Friday 27th September.

Last year we raised an fantastic £127.44. It would be amazing if we could beat that amount this year.



Information regarding arrival and leaving of the Academy

Our Academy day starts at 8.40am. If you arrive at the Academy after this time and the gates are closed, you will be required to sign students in at reception and provide a reason for their late arrival. Similarly if you are collecting your child early eg for an appointment, they should be signed out at reception.

We understand that on rare occasions traffic can cause delays; the sign in/sign out is purely to ensure that there is a clear handover for safeguarding reasons.

Issue of the week

The week beginning 9th September we will be focusing on the role of democracy in our lives. This weeks Votes for Schools and assembly will help students understand how democracy works in our country and in our school. Students will elect student representatives from their forms to the student council. Later in the year there will be a mock election of the role of President of the school council.

What is your favourite thing about voting and why?

What do you think is the best way to vote?

How else could we choose our leaders?

Safeguarding Contact

Staffordshire

Staffordshire Childrens Advice and Support Services (SCASS) :
0300 111 8007 Option 1

Outside office hours: 0345 6042886

Stoke-on-Trent

Advice and Referral Team:
01782 235100

Outside office hours: 01782 234234

Cheshire East

Referral Team : 0300 123 5012
Option 2

Outside office hours: 0300 123 5022

Shropshire

Referral Team: 01743 254 259

Initial Contact Team: 0345 678 9021

Outside office hours: 0345 678 9040

LUNCH MENU WEEK COMENCING 9TH SEPTEMBER 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Available Daily: -Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna fillings - Freshly made sandwiches with a choice of Cheese, Ham, Egg Mayonnaise or Tuna fillings	Main	Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Sticky Chicken with Rice	Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Fishfingers with Chips
	Vegetables	Baked Beans	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Salad	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Custard	Iced Biscuit	Sponge and Custard	Jelly and Ice Cream	Oaty Cookie
		Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily				