



St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Summer Term 1

2nd May 2025

Headteacher's Welcome



I'm extremely pleased and very excited to share that we have managed to secure some funding to facilitate some refurbishment work over the Summer Holidays. St Andrew's pupil numbers have steadily grown over recent years, and whilst we've endeavoured to make the very most out of the space we have available, we require further refurbishment to meet the growing demand for places from Derby City Council.

In order to be ready for the new school year in September, that building work must commence at the earliest possible date. As a result, we have successfully applied for an ***additional INSET day which will mean that the school is closed on the last day of the year, Thursday 24th July 2025.***

This was essential to allow our staff to clear areas of the school to enable the contractors to have clear access to the spaces that will be refurbished. Please accept my sincere apologies if

that has detrimentally affected you in any way. It is unprecedented for St Andrew's Academy to allocate an additional INSET in this way but a necessary step in order to give maximum opportunity for the works to be completed on time.

When it is available, more information will be shared on the amendments that are being made and the contemporary learning spaces and resources that will be available to all pupils in the new year.

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

Bank Holiday reminder

Bank Holiday reminder:

Monday 5th May 2025

School shut to all

Apply Now for September School Transport

A reminder to parents; if your child is moving up to Post 16 education in September (Year 11, 12 and 13) please complete your child's home to school transport application as soon as possible

At St Andrew's Academy, most of our students are dropped off and collected from school via mini bus or taxi. These services are provided and arranged independently by Derby City Council or your child's Local Authority (if outside of the City Council). **If your child will be moving up to post-16 education**, now is the time to apply.

Apply to Derby City Council online;

[Home to School Travel Assistance - Derby City Council](#)

Apply to Derbyshire County Council online;

[Home to School Transport - Stage 1 - Self](#)

Remember to attach any required evidence (for example; benefit entitlement or medical/SEND documentation).

Family Fun Day - Saturday 24th May @The Pavilion



The poster is for 'TJ's Army Family Fun Day' and features a dark blue background with yellow and blue accents. At the top, the text 'TJ's Army' is in a stylized font, with 'Family Fun Day' in a large, white, cursive font below it. A yellow banner with the word 'FUNDRAISER' is positioned below the title. The main text reads: 'Join us for a fantastic day of games, laughter, entertainment to support St Andrews Academy'. Below this, there are three boxes: '12PM-4PM Saturday 24th May' (with a calendar icon), 'The pavilion, Derby DE24 9HY' (with a location pin icon), and a box with three images: 'Fun Games' (balloons), 'Entertainment' (a person), and 'Bouncy castles' (a bouncy castle). Below these are two buttons: 'TICKET ADMISSION' and 'OPEN FOR ALL AGES'. At the bottom, there is a yellow button that says 'BUY TICKETS HERE' and a QR code.

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The pavilion, Derby
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Fun Games

Entertainment

Bouncy castles

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Open Event - Derby or Ilkeston YMCA Key College



The poster features a photograph of three diverse young people (two women and one man) smiling and looking at a laptop. The background is a mix of green and purple geometric shapes. A purple circular badge in the top right corner says 'VISIT US AT DERBY OR ILKESTON'. The central white box contains the college's logo (a key icon), name, accreditation, and event details. The bottom purple section lists the two campus locations with their addresses and phone numbers, and the website URL is at the very bottom.

YMCA KEY COLLEGE
Accredited vocational training courses for young people

OPEN EVENT
TUESDAY 6TH MAY 9AM - 10AM
Join us at our breakfast event and discover how YMCA Key College can unlock your future.
Enjoy a light breakfast, meet our tutors and find out about our courses.

VISIT US

<p>Derby Campus St Mark's Rd, Chaddesden, Derby DE21 6AH 01332 854646</p>	<p>Ilkeston Campus 4 Coronation Street, Ilkeston DE7 5QH 0115 944 3226</p>
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keycollege.co.uk

Key Stage 3

Year 7 have been really getting into the swing of things with the JASS program. This week, they took on the challenge of building their own shelters — working in teams, sharing ideas and having a good laugh along the way. Once the shelters were up (and mostly standing!), they gathered around the campfire to unwind with a drink. A brilliant afternoon full of teamwork, fresh air and fun.





The Glens

Fair Isle: Leading the way, one bin at a time!

Our sorting superstar has become a standout in our new waste sorting initiative, showing impressive skills by placing each of the waste items where they belong, helping our class as well as the school stay green and clean - way to go!

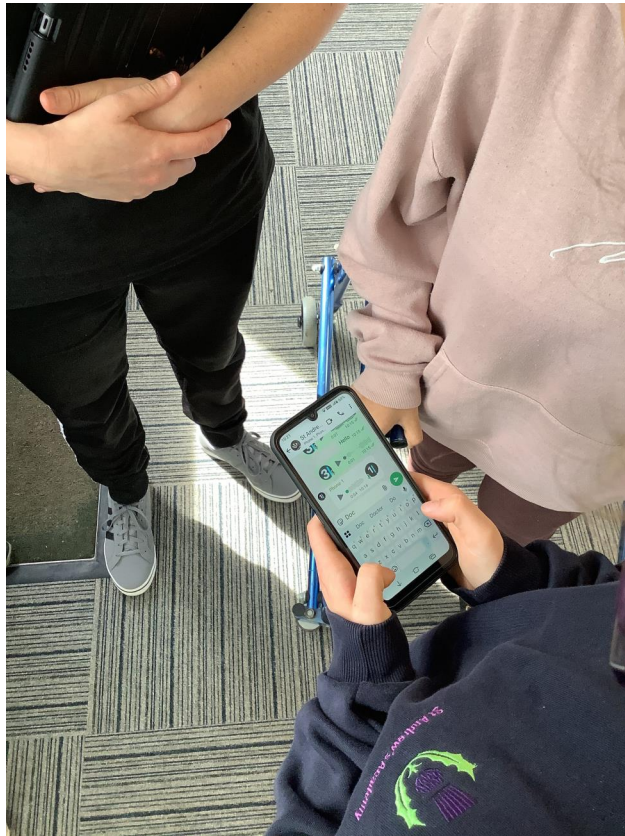




Key Stage 4

In Canna class this week we have been working on understanding how to be safe online in PSHE. We used the school mobile phones to answer questions about what information we can share about ourselves. They worked as teams to locate the questions around school then type them in to chat on the phone. It was a good way to help them learn about using everyday technology in a safe environment.





The Highlands



Students are well and truly settled back into Highlands life! Students in Taransay have been introduced to their new topic of the Wizard of Oz. Learners have thoroughly enjoyed listening to their teacher read the beginning of the story and have been listening to “Over the rainbow” on repeat! Students have been identifying the main characters of the book and very much enjoyed creating their very own salad rainbow. Excellent chopping skills were demonstrated by all!

Iona class have also been developing their cooking and independent living skills by cooking outside on trangias. Learners were fantastic setting up their trangias with support and enjoyed making noodles for their lunch. All of Iona class displayed very good listening skills to ensure a safe and fun experience.

Jura have also been enjoying their outdoor ed sessions by having a big spring clean! Learners have loved being out in the sunshine and have been developing their gross motor skills by helping to sweep up outside and tidying their forest school area.













Campus

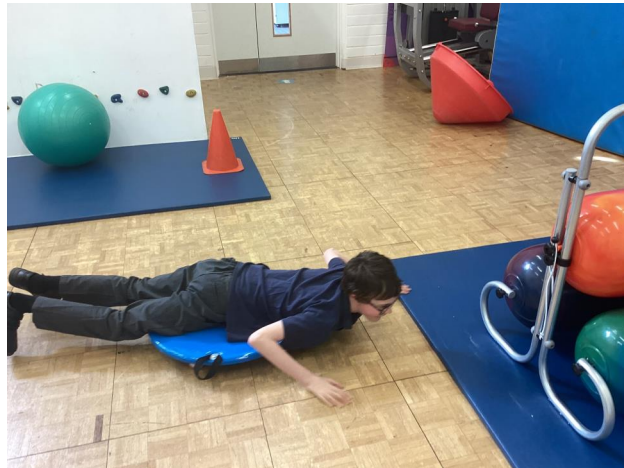
This week one of our students has successfully completed her Independent Travel Training programme and is now travelling to and from Campus each day on the public bus completely independently which is amazing news! We are all very proud of the progress she has made and the confidence she is showing in travelling on her own. This will have a huge impact on her future

Therapy Input



Students from Key stage 3 access the sensory integration equipment on a Monday morning, to complete proprioception activities, to help them regulate for the rest of the day.

Lying on your stomach while on a scooter board is a great activity to help your body know where it is in its space, also rolling over a therapy ball and completing an activity is another way to get great input.



Residential Department



On Tuesday students enjoyed a visit to ODEON Cinema in Derby to watch A Minecraft Movie.

On Wednesday residential students enjoyed a trip to Lees Brook Academy to watch their students perform in a production of the Roald Dahl classic, Matilda.



1 - Feet up, ready for the film.



2 - A Minecraft photo opportunity.



3 - An amazing set design and performance from the students at Lees Brook.



4 - Be good or Miss Truchbull will be after you.

School Fundraiser: Emma and Sarah are running 10k!






Emma and Sarah (and hopefully more of the St Andrew's team) are bravely running the Carsington 10k on 21st June 2025 to raise money for sensory integration equipment for students at St Andrew's. We are very excited to support them and cheer them on!

If you would like to support Emma and Sarah and raise money for a great cause, their GoFundMe link is below:

<https://gofund.me/db669786>

We wish them both the best of luck!

School Term and Holiday Dates



St Andrew's Academy

School Term and Holiday Dates

2024-2025

Autumn Term

Spring Term

Summer Term

School Holiday

Bank Holiday
(Shut to all)

Inset Day
(Shut to students)

September 2024

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July 2025

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August 2025

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195 Days – including up to 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff.


St Andrew's Academy
School Term and Holiday Dates
2025-2026

Autumn Term	Summer Term	Bank Holiday (Shut to all)
Spring Term	School Holiday	Inset Day (Shut to students)

September 2025 (19 days)	October 2025 (18 days)	November 2025 (20 days)
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December 2025 (15 days)	January 2026 (20 days)	February 2026 (15 days)
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March 2026 (20 days)	April 2026 (14 days)	May 2026 (15 days)
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June 2026 (22 days)	July 2026 (17 days)	August 2026
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