

St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Summer Term 2

18th July 2025

Headteacher's Welcome



It is with genuine pride and sheer awe that I share my final newsletter message of the academic year. It's a real privilege to belong to our school community and work hard every day towards our shared goal of the very best for every young person. The progress across the curriculum that has been demonstrated across our school is beyond impressive. The achievement of our young people remains priority and our focus, but it would be wrong if I didn't shine a light on the true dedication, creativity and passion shown by every member of the staff.

It's been a landmark year in many ways with the closure of our Residential, relocation of our 6th form and £1M investment in our building. As a result, there have been some staffing changes and it's important for me, at the end of the year, to recognise those special members of the team who have moved on following their dedicated service. To those of you who have served our school community, a sincere thanks for the positive impact that you've had on the lives of our young people.

We have a very busy Summer in store, and I can't wait to reveal the developments in September and make full use of our new resources to make a positive impact on the outcomes of our young people. A polite reminder, **Thursday 24th July is an INSET and school is shut to all students**. This will allow all staff to fully clear out rooms that are being demolished, rebuilt, refurbished and improved.

We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 8th September to kick start a year full of promise.

Have a wonderful Summer Holiday when it arrives,

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

Congratulations to Danielle Knapp!

Danielle recently came 3rd in the national championship Countryside Challenge and is now in the top 3 GB RDA Senior riders. A big well done and congratulations, we're very proud of you!

If your young person has excelled in any area of their special interests and talents please do forward them in, we love to see their achievements.





SEN United Fixtures;





The Glens



Glens students had a fun-filled morning at Lea Green yesterday, enjoying the soft play as an end of term treat!









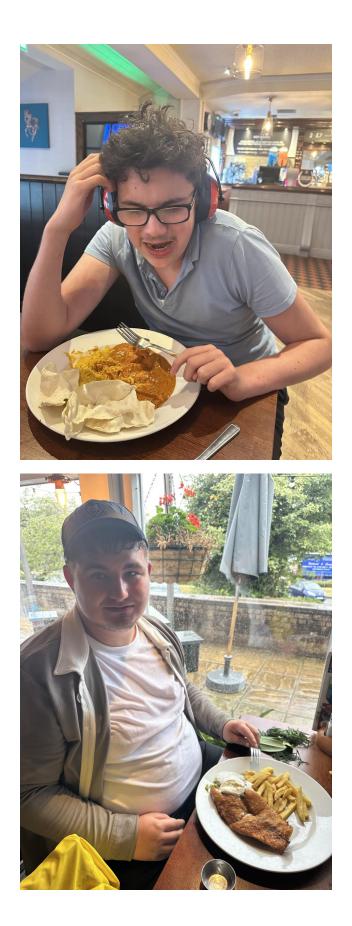
The Highlands



Students in the Highlands are beginning to get in the mood for summer! Jura class have enjoyed a summer sensory session including summer painting, ice cream splat and beach sensory rice. Learners have shown great improvement in their attention and fine motor skills over the year and had a fantastic time interacting with each other!

Taransay class enjoyed an end of year trip using the money they made from the Summer Fayre enterprise. Students voted and chose to have takeaway fish and chips! Students displayed great independent decision making skills by choosing what they wanted from the menu and enjoyed eating the meal together.

Iona class celebrated their successful year with a trip to a restaurant! Students chose their own meal and and displayed how exceptional their social skills are by eating together and sharing conversation with their meal.



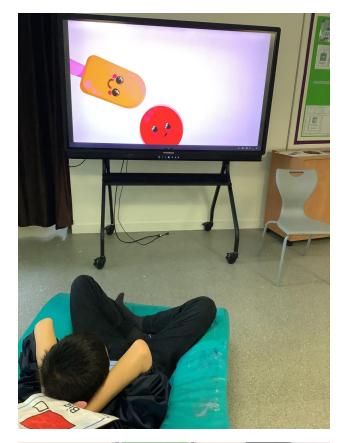














FE Campus

It was lovely to have the opportunity to host so many families at our new Whitaker Road site last week and we are very grateful to those that were able to attend. Many families took home an information pack providing some information about day to day operations at campus as well as providing some photos of the space, with a description of the planned layout amendments. There is a copy of the floorplan below and a link to a video tour of the building. This should hopefully allow for a better understanding of what the building is going to look like once all amendments have been completed.

We would like to highlight the requirement for all students to have a valid Gold Card (bus pass) which allows for free transport on buses around the county. Students will be accessing a variety of offsite learning opportunities and may not be able to access their planned timetable if they are unable to use the buses. Further information can be found here:

https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/public-transport/fares-ticketspasses/concessionary-fares/goldcard/gold-card.aspx

We are very excited about starting the new academic year at Whitaker Road and will continue to keep families updated as things progress. In the meantime, please contact school if you have any questions about anything.

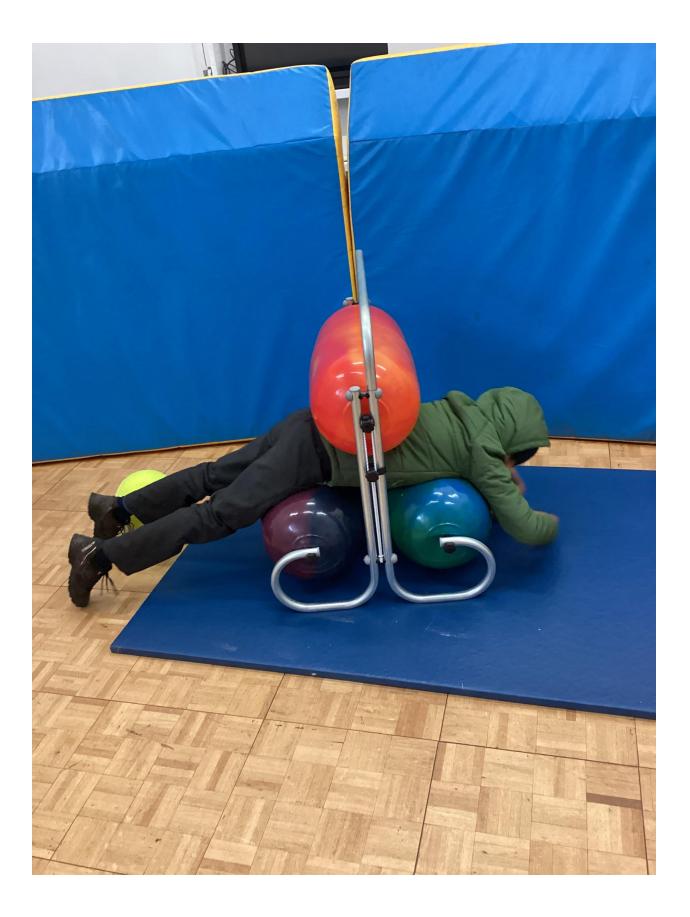


Please select or copy and paste the below link into your browser for a video tour of the building.

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Please be aware that this video shows the building as it currently is, not how it will look after all of the scheduled works are completed.

Therapy Input



With the holidays around the corner and building works happening throughout the school, co-regulation has been needed

This week we focused our proprioception activities around the scooter board and therapy balls. These activities engage the core, give deep proprioception input and engage the vestibular system. This helps students to regulate emotions as well as their sensory needs.













Free Holiday Activities

Did you know that if your child receives benefits-related free school meals, they are entitled to FREE holiday activities over the summer holidays? Holiday clubs are available across Derby

where your child can make new friends and take part in a wide range of activities including sport, dance, drama, arts and crafts, as well as enjoying a meal each day. If your child is eligible, you will receive an email from **HolidayActivities.com**. Just follow the instructions in this email to book. Bookings for summer clubs will open at the end of June. Further details can be found at: www.derby.gov.uk/derbyHAF.

SENDisco



Festival of Sport



Singing Summer Schools



Feel Alive Hub CIC & Drama Group - Little Shop of Horrors

On Sunday 20th July, Feel Alive Hub & Drama Group will be performing Little Shop of Horrors at St Nicholas Church Hall, Allestree, Derby. Feel Alive is a great organisation that supports disabled adults in Derby. Please see the poster for further details and you can also follow them on facebook; 'Feel Alive Hub CIC & Drama Group'.



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.

School Uniform Orders

We are excited to announce we have added an additional uniform provider for St Andrew's Academy - Uniform Direct. This is to allow a wider range of uniform and sizes available for our students.

We are still using MyClothing so parents can now purchase uniform either from <u>MyClothing</u> or from <u>Uniform Direct</u>. Please note, Uniform Direct will take about 3 weeks to receive our stock into their shop and online shop so please check back on their website around the end of July for purchasing.

You can find out more information regarding our uniform by clicking here.



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	from £8
Navy OR Black Track Bottoms	from £11
Navy OR Black Girls P.E. Sports Leggings	from £15
Navy OR Black P.E. Shorts	from £4
White P.E. T-Shirt with Logo	from £6
Navy Fleece Jacket with Logo *optional—special made to order item	from £18
Black Stitch-Down Pleated Skirt	from £15
Black Trousers	from £15
White Polo T-Shirt with Logo	from £7
Navy Cardigan with Logo	from £9
Navy Crew Neck Sweatshirt with Logo	from £9

Ordering for September? - Allow plenty of time

✓ Order before 31st July 54 Babington Lane, Derby. DE1 1SX 01332 342569

Term Time-OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY 9.30am TO 5pm (CLOSED WEDS & SUN) Summer Holidays—OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY 9.30am TO 5pm (CLOSED SUN)





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Newsletter & Social Media Feedback – Help Us Improve!

We would love your feedback on our school newsletter and social media. This quick survey asks how you stay updated, what content you enjoy most, and how we can make our communication more useful for you. Your input will help us share news, celebrate students, and keep you better connected!

Parent / Carer feedback survey questions (Newsletter and social media)

Family Hub QR Code and Family Fun Sessions

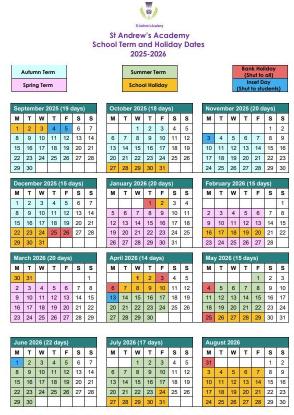


Paediatric First Aid courses - May to July 2025



School Term and Holiday Dates





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

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