



St Andrew's Academy Family update newsletter

Autumn Term

15th September 2023

Head Teacher's Welcome



Dear Parent/ Carer,

Welcome to our new newsletter format! We hope you enjoy the improvements and functionality of presenting news and information digitally. As always, we welcome feedback on new initiatives and would be keen to find out what you think.

All staff at St Andrew's Academy are genuinely bursting with pride of how the first week of the year has unfolded! Transition and change can be challenging and the new school year represents new structure and routine. However, the resilience and determination shown by our new cohorts has been outstanding.

It would be fair to say that transport has represented a real hurdle for us and requires constant input to optimise going forward. Whilst St Andrew's do not procure or allocate transport, we fully support our families with every element of their young persons educational career and we are passionate about contributing to rapid solutions to any challenge. Sadie Hampton takes the lead on providing Derby City Transport Team with information and has been in constant contact with all involved within the safe arrival and departure of pupils. There's clearly still some work for Derby City Transport and Nottingham Specialist Transport (NST) to do. You are invited to contact the school at anytime with any queries should you feel we can add value. I am confident that the teething problems are being worked through and that transport will be running smooth before long.

Our school year holds many exciting events, celebrations and opportunities for you to be welcomed on site and engage with your young person learning journey and the dedicated staff working hard to enable the very best outcomes for all. Please do prioritise the reading of this newsletter to find our what is coming up and acknowledge the truly remarkable weekly achievements of the exceptional young people that make St Andrew's a special place to learn.

Have a wonderful weekend,

David Braybrooke

Headteacher

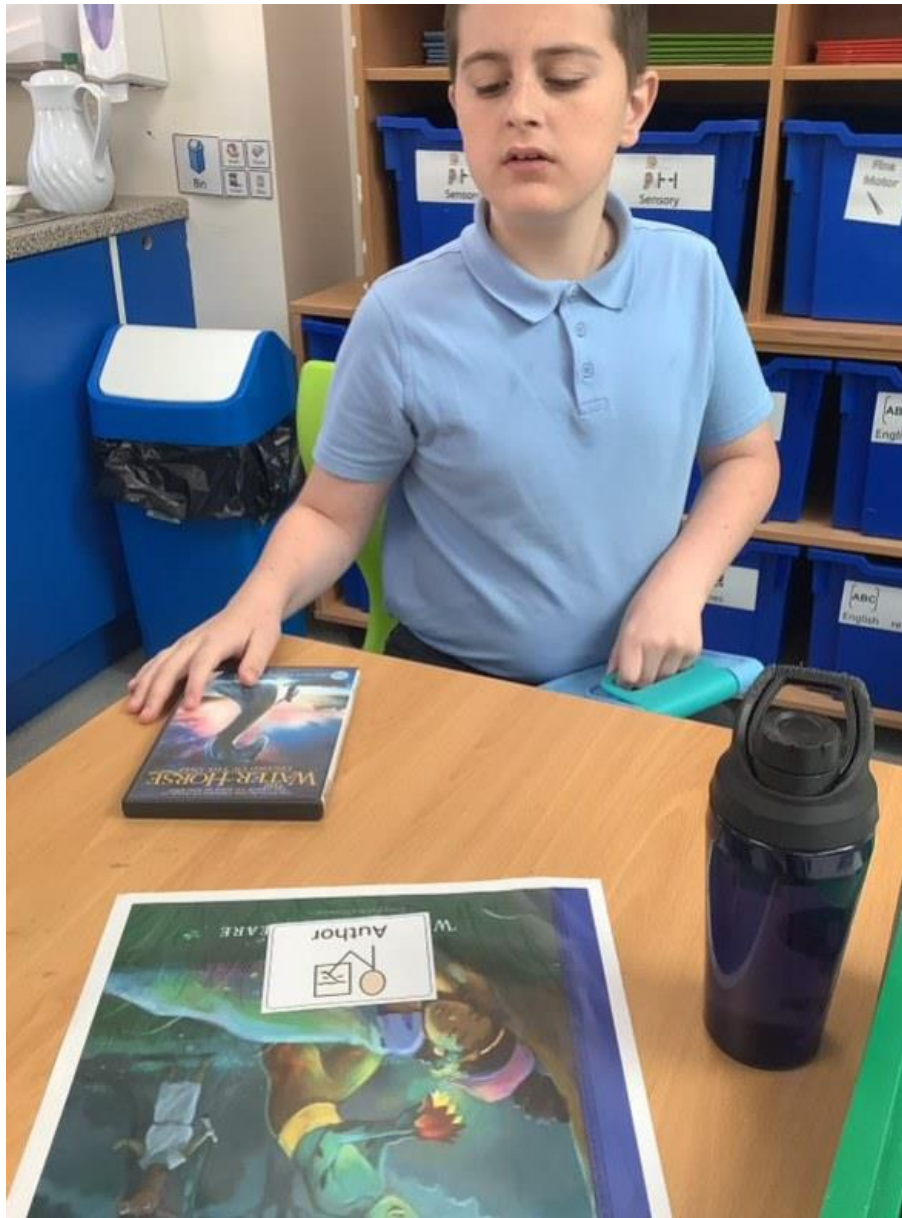
General Information

- All students in Lewis, Bute, Hoy and Lewis should have brought home regarding a trip to Meynell Langley Hall. If you would like your child to attend, please return their slip to their class teacher. The parent pay item is also open for payment.
- On Friday 22nd September we will be supporting Jeans for Genes Day! See lower down the newsletter for more information!
- Everybody should have received a letter and email regarding the Evidence for Learning parent app. From this, you should be able to log in start to see your child's learning journey. If you have any issues accessing this, please contact the class teacher.

Key Stage 3

This week in Hoy class, we have started our learning of William Shakespeare and 'A Midsummer Nights Dream'. We have learned the context of Shakespeare and how he is an author from the past. We then investigated the front cover, labelling the title, author, characters and other items we could find.

It has been an amazing start to Year 8/9 in Hoy and I am very excited to see the learning this year.











Residential Department

A great first full week back for everyone in residential. On Wednesday we welcomed our new student Damir to the department. Instead of cooking our own tea on Tuesday night, we were kindly gifted a takeaway by the fantastic Gowara Restaurant in Derby. The students individually ordered what they wanted and went out with staff to collect it. It went down a treat.





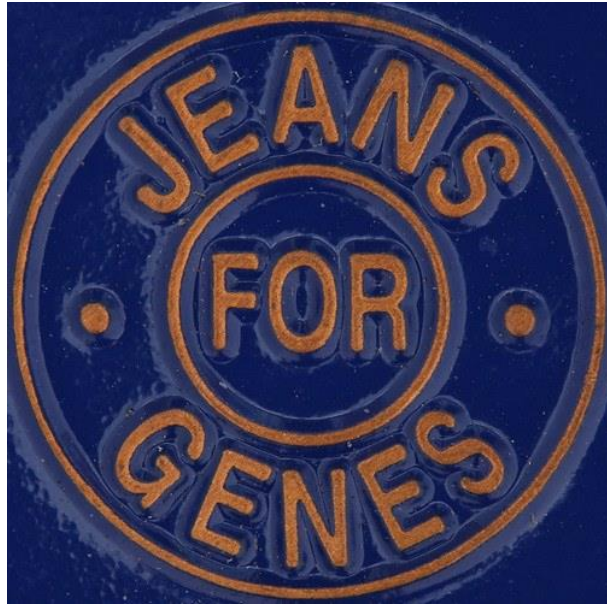


Jeans for Genes Day (Friday 22nd September)

On Friday 22nd September we will be supporting Jeans for Genes Day

Staff and students will be asked to wear their jeans and pay £1 to this charity which is relevant to so many of our students. If you are able to do so, please click on the link below to donate, or send £1 in a named envelope next Friday. We understand that a lot of people are struggling financially at the moment, so there is absolutely no compulsion to donate. Thank you.

<https://donate.justgiving.com/donation-amount?uri=aHR0cHM6Ly9kb25hdGUtYXBpLmp1c3RnaXZpbmY29tL2FwaS9kb25hdGlvbnMvOTgwMDc2NGFmNDA0NDIiNmlyZDhjNTcxYzBiM2Q5ZGQ/aXNDaGVja291dEFwaT1mYWxzZQ==>



Makaton - Sign of the Week



This weeks sign is Grandmother

Sign letters G followed by M. Repeat the M for mother. The sign is a combination of two words Grand and Mother.

Further information

University of Surrey reference: FHMS 22-23 114 EGA



**Are you the parent / carer of a young person with a learning disability?
Do they go to a specialist school?**



You could take part in this 20-minute questionnaire-based study!

We want to know more about the support for parents / carers of children with a learning disability, and their families.



Be entered into a prize draw to win one of the following prizes:

- 1 x £100 Amazon voucher
- 3 x £50 Amazon voucher
- 6 x £25 Amazon voucher



Please use the QR code or website below to complete the questionnaire online:



https://surreyfahs.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Nd0ciuyLW15qL4

If you are unable to use the computer / internet to complete the questionnaire, please email Gemma Driver, or let your child's school know and we can provide you with paper copies and a free return envelope

For more information please contact: Gemma Driver School of Psychology, University of Surrey
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Version 2 recruitment poster – 27/03/2023

Study Title: What factors have an impact on parents of children with learning disabilities specifically their experience of support given.

This study has received FE0 from the University Ethics Committee.

St Andrew's Academy SEND Futures Fair

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SEND Futures Fair

Monday 2nd October 2023 1pm - 3pm then 4pm - 6pm
Enterprise Centre, Bridge Street, Derby, DE1 3LD



Young people, family members and carers are invited to browse stalls and talk to representatives from a wide range of local specialist SEND provisions to learn more about post 16 opportunities in Derby City and the surrounding area

Where will your future take you?!

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