

St Andrew's Academy

Family update newsletter

Autumn Term

10th November 2023



Head Teacher's Welcome



What an exceptional first week back! It was a genuine pleasure to welcome so many families and young people to our D of E open evening on Tuesday. It was brilliant to chat with our school community around the camp fire whilst toasting marshmallows and enjoying the sparklers. Outdoor Ed permeates and enriches our curriculum offer and I'm incredibly proud of the enhanced outcomes that this provision enables for all pupils.

Parents of pupils who attend the main site are invited to parents evening this coming Monday, 13th November from 4:00pm onwards. Parents of new pupils have already spent some time with class teams, as have the pupils at Campus. However, as always, you are warmly invited and most welcome to request time with the class team at a mutually convenient time throughout the year. Our learners reaching their potential is a shared goal and collaboration is key.

David Braybrooke

Headteacher

Parent Hub / Parents Evening

A reminder to all families that we have also now launched our new School App and communication system – ParentHub!

We hope this will improve communication between school and families and allow us to share all relevant information effectively and efficiently. The ParentHub app is FREE to download from the App

Store or Google Play. Please can we urge all parents to download this as soon as possible for those who haven't already. Once you have downloaded the app, you can create yourself an account and then click "Join a school" and search for @standrewsderby to be added to our whole school group.

You can then click "Schools" at the bottom and click "Add my children". You will have to enter your mobile number (please note this will need to be the number that school have on record for yourself) and then enter your child's Date of Birth to ensure you are allocated to the relevant groups for Class and Year group messaging.

Please allow notifications from the app so you don't miss any important messages! Please note, non urgent communication will be sent via the app and email but any urgent messages will be sent via SMS. Text messages will send from "StAndrews" so should appear as this on your phone.

Translation

An amazing new feature of this system is that it can translate any app messages into over 100 languages! If you need to use this feature, when a message comes through, please click the translate button and then select your preferred language.

If you have any questions or issues with setting up your account, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Parents Evening

A reminder that Parents Evening is on Monday 13th November. (Please note, this evening is NOT for Campus students or any new September starters). If you have not yet booked your appointment, please contact the school office by phone as online bookings have now closed.

If you have any issues, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Key Stage 3

Today, Hoy class have been learning all about celebration of Diwali. The participated in a sensory session to explore how Diwali is celebrated in the religious community including visiting the Temple, fireworks and lighting Diya candles.



The Glens

This week Skye Class have been learning about Remembrance Day, the students all enjoyed making poppy biscuits, flower handprints and all engaged well during the attention to autism session where we are working on awareness of others, attention, listening and turn-taking.



Key Stage 4

Thank you to everyone who attended our Outdoor Education showcase evening. It was fantastic to see so many of you. We saw students and their families take part in orienteering, sand art, have hot chocolates, burgers and hot dogs in our outdoor cafe, have a go with some sparklers, see what we do for forest schools and roast some marshmallows on the campfire.



The Highlands



Children in Need- DIY SOS.

Remember in September when our learners were invited to take part in the filming of DIY SOS Children in Need at Risley, Treetops Hospice. We have received notification from the BBC that the programme will be aired on the BBC on Thursday 16th November, 9:00pm.

Tune in to see if our amazing learners make the big screen!



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students in Key Stage 4 started their work placement at Richmond Village care home this week. We had a fantastic time playing boules with the residents. Students helped to give the boules out and chatted with the residents. It was a fierce competition and the residents beat us 10 to 2! It was a lot of fun and we can't wait to go back next week to do some more activities.



Key Stage 5

Campus students have started sorting through some of the clothing donations that have kindly been donated for the upcoming Bag2School collection (please see the flyer below for more information). Students are planning for a fashion show event which will now be held in the Spring term. We will send out further information about this event closer to the time.

Now that winter is here, please could you have a look through your wardrobes for any items you no longer wear/need and kindly donate these to our Bag2School collection. Any donated clothes are sent to Europe for distribution among those less fortunate and school receives payment for every kg of clothing collected. The more clothes we donate, the more money we make! If you are able to donate any clothes, please send these in with your young person in a black bag marked Bag2School.

Thank you!

We are raising money with
Bag2School



The following items can be accepted (in black bags please)

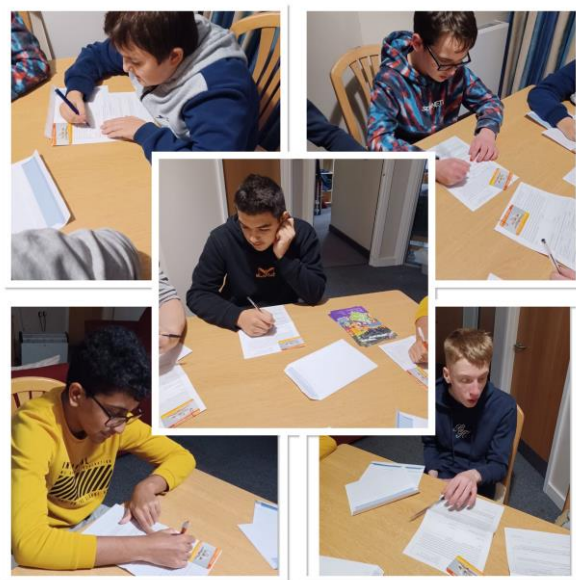
Adult Clothing	Child Clothing	Shoes (tied together please)
Hats	Belts	Handbags
Towels	Curtains	Bed Linen (No duvets/pillows please)

Please bring bags in anytime up to **Friday 1st December**

Residential Department



1 - A great evening spent enjoying the activities and lovely food at the DofE evening.



2 - Students helping to complete forms to access the local library.



3 - A bingo game practising number recognition and listening skills.

Movember

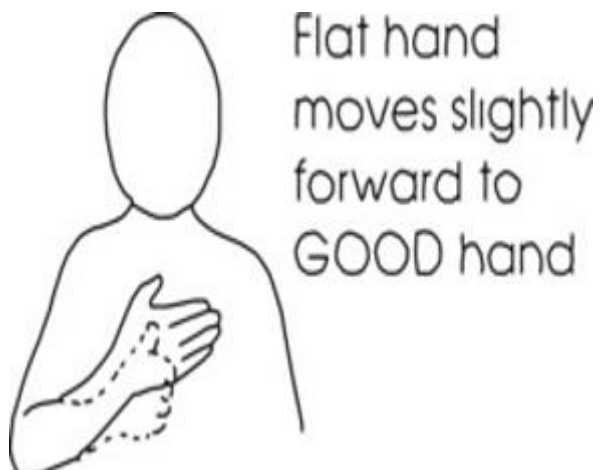
Message from Richard:

Hi All, if you've notice the dodgy Moustache I've been donning, I'm raising money for Movember. If anyone can support with donating that'll be grand!

<https://movember.com/m/15062598?mc=1>

Thank you in advance

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