



September Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year. It has been fantastic to see pupils settling back into school life since we re-opened on Tuesday, 1 September following the summer break.

A new academic year always brings opportunities for new beginnings, new goals and new partnerships. As we come to the end of our first month, I am incredibly proud of how our pupils have adapted brilliantly into their new routines, starting the year as they mean to go on with excellence, ambition and the drive to learn to achieve.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and continuing to build strong relationships between The Acorns School, our families, and wider partners to ensure our pupils are supported to achieve their full potential.

In this month's edition of the newsletter, you will find highlights of what has been happening at The Acorns School in September, alongside key dates and events to look forward to over the next half term.

Miss Cutts



Key dates for autumn term

- **INSET day:** Friday 23 October
- **Mid-term closure:** Monday 25 October – Monday 2 November
- **KS3 parents' evening:** Thursday 19 November
- **INSET day:** Friday 4 December
- **Christmas closure:** Friday 18 December

Empowering pupils to make healthy choices

We were delighted to welcome the team from Smokefree Lancashire into school as they delivered engaging and interactive sessions to all pupils. Pupils explored the influences and pressures which can lead young people to try smoking and vaping, and also considered the short and long-term consequences

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Working together to strengthen our SEND practice

Our recent INSET day provided staff with a valuable opportunity to reflect on and develop our approach to SEND, with educational psychologist, Zoe Owen from edPsychology Solutions.

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Smokefree Lancashire session

Events

6 October – Year 11 revision skills

Following the success of last year's revision skills workshops, we're delighted to be welcoming Abi Jones from the University of Lancashire back into school to support our current Year 11 cohort in develop important skills and strategies ahead of their GCSE mock exams.

13 October – Kooth educational sessions

We will be joined by the team from Kooth, who will be delivering educational sessions for all pupils across Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4. Kooth is a digital mental health and emotional wellbeing service for young people.

Upcoming college open days and evenings

For our pupils in Year 10 and Year 11, there is no time like the present to start thinking about further education opportunities. We have collated a list of upcoming open days and evenings taking place across a range of our partner colleges next month. Further dates are also available on the calendar on our website.

College	Date	Time	Campus / Area
KGV College	Sat 3 Oct 2026	10:00am - 2:00pm	Southport
Wigan & Leigh College	Mon 5 Oct 2026	4:30pm - 7:00pm	Parsons Walk, Wigan
Southport College	Sat 10 Oct 2026	10:00am - 2:00pm	Mornington Road, Southport
West Lancashire College	Mon 12 Oct 2026	4:30pm - 7:00pm	Skelmersdale
Wigan & Leigh College	Mon 12 Oct 2026	4:30pm - 7:00pm	Leigh Campus