

22nd July 2022

End of Year Update

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well; I write with information around summer examination results and for the start of next term in September.

Airedale on Tour

We had an extremely successful Rewards Trip day on Wednesday with visits to: Flamingo Land, Alton Towers, Alton Towers Water Park, Roundhay Park, Ninja Warrior, Trampolining Park, Elland Road, Climbing Lab and Paint Balling. Our students really enjoyed the visits and earned amazing discounts based on the PRIDE points that they were awarded! Plans are already underway for next year's AOT!

Celebration of the Year

We celebrated with our award winning students on Thursday evening at our annual celebration evenings. Awards were presented for attendance, achievement in subjects across the curriculum and our special awards. Our Keynote Speaker was our very own Anastasia Byard, former student and Trust Chief Financial Officer. A very well done to all our wonderful students who received awards.

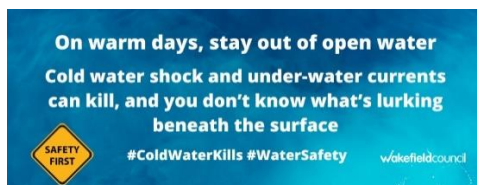
Water Safety

We urge you to discuss the dangers of open water with your child. During the current heatwave, we're urging everyone to be aware of the risks of cooling off or playing in ponds, lakes, and flooded quarries. Swimming in open water is extremely dangerous as hidden dangers can lurk beneath the surface. This can include discarded waste which can trap people, as well as slippery rocks and sudden changes in water depth. Jumping into cold water can also cause people to go into shock. Previous warm and sunny weather has seen people risking their lives, and sadly losing their lives, by swimming in open water – despite signs warning them not too.

We're urging people to call 999 immediately if they see anyone in danger.

Please follow this link for further guidance.

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/Pages/Category/water-safety-education>



Y12 & Y13 Examination Results Day – Thursday 18th August 2022 – Main Reception

We welcome back our Y12 and 13 students on the above date to collect their examination results! This will take place in our reception area from 10am.

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GCSE Results Day – Thursday 25th August 10:00 am - Phoenix Theatre

We look forward to welcoming all of our Y11 students back to the Academy on the above date to collect their long awaited examination results! This will take place in the foyer of the Phoenix theatre between 10:00am and 12pm. Sixth Form enrolment will also take place for students at this time.

New Academic Year 2022-2023

School will reopen to students on Wednesday 7th September or on Thursday 8th September 2022, depending on their year group. Please refer to the table below.

Monday 5th September	Tuesday 6th September	Wednesday 7th September	Thursday 8th September
Staff INSET Day Academy closed to students.	Staff INSET Day Academy closed to students.	First day back for Years 7, 11, 12 and 13.	First day back for Years 8, 9 and 10. All years in school.

Changes for the New School Year

We are thrilled to announce that we will be providing all students in Years 7 to 11 with a pencil case full of equipment on their first day back in September. It will contain:

- Black pen
- Purple pen
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- Highlighter
- Ruler

Students are expected to bring this equipment every day and it will be checked on the gate and by Form Tutors during Form Time. If students wish to purchase their own stationery, that is fine, however, it is essential that they have all the items on this list.

Students are also expected to bring a school bag to school every day. If they don't have a bag on the first day back, we will give them one to use.

Uniform Reminders

Please refer to the uniform guide on our website to ensure your child is prepared and ready for the new school year. If you would like to bring any new uniform in to school to check that it is in line

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with our policy, a member of staff will be available to do this on **Thursday 1st September and Friday 2nd September**. This will take place in reception.

Please see a few reminders below of the most frequent issues with our uniform guidelines:

- Make up should be minimal and false eyelashes are not allowed
- Hair colour should be natural with no extreme styles, no shaved areas or patterns and not lower than a grade 1
- Eyebrows should not be shaved or patterned
- No nail varnish or acrylic nails
- Only one stud earring allowed in each ear – in the lobe
- No smart watches
- No facial piercings – no clear retainers
- **Skirts must be the Airedale Academy issued skirt – no other skirts are permitted**
- Hoodies made of a jersey material, with or without a zip and are not permitted. Hoodies will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day
- Graffiti and writing on hands and arms is not permitted

In line with our policy, students who breach our uniform expectations will be asked to address the issue raised. Jewellery, mobile devices and hoodies will be confiscated and stored in student reception, whereby they can be collected at the end of the day. A detention will also be issued for all breaches, parents / carers will be notified on the second incident, subsequent confiscations will receive a detention. Detentions will also be issued for other breaches of the uniform policy.

Please note that we do not suspend students for wearing jewellery, having mobile phones or any other breaches of this policy. We will however, always ask students to rectify the issue that we have raised. These are reasonable requests.

If a student fails to comply immediately with a reasonable request, this is considered defiance, the Academy will issue a further sanction, which may include a suspension. Parents and carers should be clear that this applies to all reasonable requests and not just those associated with uniform. We appreciate your support in upholding our high standards.

Airedale Academy Skirts

Families that have ordered skirts for September can collect them on Thursday, September 1st or Friday September 2nd from the Academy. Please come to reception with your child so that they can try on the skirt. Please ask your child to wear leggings or shorts, so that they can try on the skirt over what they are wearing to ensure the size is correct.

Attendance and Term Time Holidays

The Academy will continue to have attendance as a priority next academic year. We do all we can to encourage students to attend school every day and value your support from home with this.

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Holidays should not be taken during term time. This will directly impact negatively on the progress of your child.

As we go into the summer holidays, we will have information we need to share with you ready for our return. It is therefore really important we have up to date contact details for you. If you have the My Child at School app you can view the information we hold for you and send us updates as changes happen. If you think we may not hold an up to date telephone number or email address, please contact the office by email at your earliest convenience. (info@airedaleacademy.com)

I would like to thank you all for the support that you have shown our staff this year. Through our partnership between home and school, we have continued to ensure high standards despite the challenges of the pandemic and so thank you for helping us to ensure the majority of students attend school, arrive on time, wear correct uniform and try their best. It really does make a difference – not just to your child’s education but to the education of all students in our community.

Enjoy a lovely summer break and we will look forward to welcoming students back to school as per the timetable above from Wednesday 7th September 2022 at 8:30am.

Yours faithfully



Miss L Proctor
Principal