

Friday, 10th October

Dear Parent/Carer,

Attendance

Thank you for your support with attendance over the last week – it is very good and we want to carry this on! Remember that students can come in even when they're not feeling 100% – coughs, colds and period pains are very normal, and we can help students when they're here.

Year group	Attendance this year so far	% of students at 96% or above
7	97.4%	68.9%
8	95.9%	60.6%
9	94.2%	51.9%
10	93%	54.3%
11	93.8%	57.9%

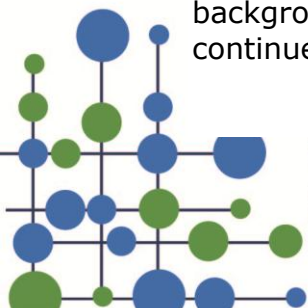
Well done to year 7 – I'm really proud of the start you've made. Thank you for your support with our much-improved attendance so far this year.

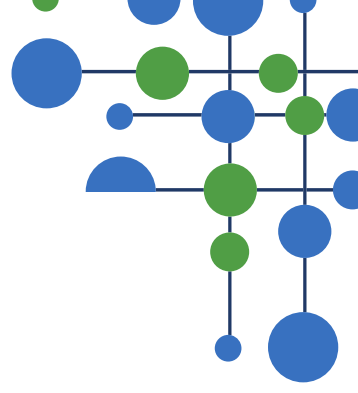
Homework

We're changing how we do homework this term. We really want it to be more useful, connecting better to what students learn every day. We'll also use form time to teach students important learning skills - how to study, manage time, and be independent. All homework is now set on the Arbor App, which will send updates to both students and parents. If your child needs a quiet space, the library is open after school, every day for homework support.

Year 11 mock interviews - Friday 17th October

Our Year 11 Mock Interviews will be taking place on Friday 17th October 2025. In the past, they have been really helpful for students so that they have experience of interviews before applying for colleges, apprenticeships and part-time jobs. The interviews will take place during the day and students will have a time to turn up. There are lots of visitors from a range of different professional backgrounds doing the interviews. We hope that, once again, the event will continue to be a success for all students.





Year 10 Work Experience Programme - 6th-10th July 2026

Our Year 10 work experience week will take place from 6th to 10th July 2026. We will launch the programme with an assembly in early November to give more details. While students are responsible for finding their own placements, the Academy will offer support throughout the process. It would be helpful if you could help your child by talking about their interests and plans and to help them contact possible roles early — especially for popular places like schools, mechanics, medical and healthcare professions, which tend to fill up quickly.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Burton
Headteacher