

5th June 2023

Updates for Parents / Carers

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. I am writing with updates for you for this final half term.

Enrichment, Trips, Visits and Clubs

Please find below a summary of the enrichment opportunities, trips, visits and clubs that have taken place at Airedale since September 2022. The numbers are staggering! We have had 20 330 enrichment opportunities – these include 116 different activities comprising theatre performances, guest speakers, visiting employers and authors in our school. We have had 101 different trips and visits out of school and 125 clubs afterschool or at lunchtime!

Enrichment in school	Trips	Clubs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20,330 students have had an enrichment opportunity• 116 activities• Every student	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2067 students have been on a trip• 101 trips• 78% unique students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1743 students have signed up to a club• 125 clubs• 49% unique sign ups

We are so proud of this offer to our students. We support our young people academically, but also believe it is vital to offer wider opportunities for our students!

Ofsted said: *“The school makes a considerable effort to provide wider opportunities for pupils. There are many trips and educational visits available. The school ensures these opportunities are available to everyone.”*

Keep an eye on our social media pages over the coming days as our **Airedale on Tour** visits will be promoted for sign ups by students! If you have any questions or comments around our enrichment offer, please contact Mr Miller.

Sports Day

We are thrilled that our Sports Day will have a twist this year! Keep an eye out for details over the next few weeks!

Agency Teachers

As is the case in most schools locally and nationally due to teacher shortages and the recruitment crisis, we have had a number of agency teachers in our school covering for absent colleagues and vacancies over the last term. Agency teachers deliver lessons that are

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planned and resourced by our teachers, they are supported in school by our Faculty and Senior Leaders. We have successfully recruited and appointed a number of new teachers for September, and are confident that this will reduce the need for agency teachers in school moving forwards.

Breakfast Club: Monday – Friday 7:45am until 8:30am

A reminder to all our families that we have a **FREE** breakfast club everyday where all students can get **FREE** breakfast! Breakfast Club is supervised by our staff and students are based in our canteen. You don't need to sign-up or register, just come to the middle gates (near our old Library building and Safeguarding) at 7:45am and our staff will meet you. At 8:15am, students will make their way to their morning Line Up areas. We would love to see you there!



The Brain Tumour Charity & Little Princess Trust

Our very own Year 10 student **Sofie Childs** is raising money for The Brain Tumour Charity and Little Princess Trust. Sofie has had her head shaved in order to raise money for the charity, which is very close to her heart. Sofie will be speaking to students in assemblies this week! If you wish to donate, please follow the link below

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/forty-two>

Uniform Reminders

As we begin to experience warmer weather, a gentle reminder that students are expected to wear full uniform, including blazers, every day. Blazers can be removed in classrooms, and if it is an unusually warm day, we will allow students to remove them whilst outside or moving around school. As we did last year, we will reassess our expectations should we have a prolonged period of hot weather, and will make you aware of any further changes should this be necessary. We thank-you in advance for your support.

Equipment

Over the past weeks, we have been restocking student equipment and have handed out pens, pencils and highlighters to students that required them. Please check that your child has the appropriate equipment for school each day so that they are ready for their working day.

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Thank-you for your continued support.
Yours faithfully,



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