

15<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## End of Year Update

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well; I write with information regards the end of year arrangements and for the start of next term in September.

### Airedale on Tour

We are looking forward to Airedale on Tour and celebrating our last Thursday of the year with students in a variety of different destinations. You will by now have received a letter detailing the leaving and return times for each of the trips.

### Celebration of the Year – Awards Evening

We celebrated with our award-winning students last week at our annual celebration evenings. Awards were presented for attendance, PRIDE, achievement in subjects across the curriculum and our special awards. A very well done to all our wonderful students who received awards! For the first year ever, we awarded our Rob Burrows 'Dare to Dream award' which went to a very deserving Year 9 student.

### Final Day

On our final day (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July) we will be closing to students at 12:05pm. Any students eligible for free school meals will have the opportunity to collect a meal from the canteen before leaving site.

### Water Safety

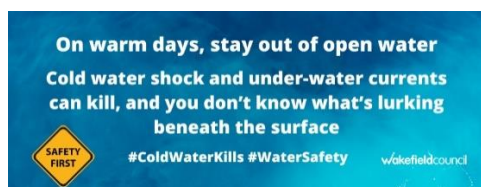
We urge you to discuss the dangers of open water with your child. We're asking everyone to be aware of the risks of cooling off or playing in rivers, ponds, lakes, and flooded quarries. Swimming in open water is extremely dangerous as hidden dangers can lurk beneath the surface. This can include discarded 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 to.

You should call 999 immediately if you see anyone in danger.

Please follow this link for further guidance.

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



### Year 12 & Year 13 Examination Results Day – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August – 6<sup>th</sup> form area

We welcome back our Year 12 and Year 13 students on the above date to collect their examination results! This will take place in our 6<sup>th</sup> form area from 10am.

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### GCSE Results Day – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 10:00am - Phoenix Theatre

We look forward to welcoming all of our Year 11 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 10am and 12pm.

### New Academic Year 2024-2025

School will reopen to students on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September or on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024, depending on their year group. Please refer to the table below:

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Staff INSET Day Academy closed to students.	Staff INSET Day Academy closed to students.	First day back for Years 7, 11 and 13. <b>START TIME ON THIS DAY WILL BE 9:20</b>	First day back for Years 8, 9 and 10. <b>All years in school.</b> <b>START TIME ON THIS DAY WILL BE 9:20</b>

### Times of the school day

As a reminder the start time for the school day is 8:30am and all students are expected to be in school by 8:25am. The school day will end at 3:00pm or at 4:00pm for students who are expected to attend period 6. More information will follow on period 6 for the students affected. In addition, whole school detentions will run at the end of the school day so will conclude at 3:30pm or 4:00pm.

### Uniform and Behaviour

Information is attached in terms of uniform expectations for next year, please ensure that you have read this before the start of the new academic year and if you have any queries please get in touch with the school.

### Academy App

It is very important we can keep in touch with each other. We have our own academy app called **My Child at School** (MCAS) which is available on iOS and Android from wherever you download your usual apps. It is free to download and free to use. Please search your app store for My Child at School provided by Bromcom.

Many families are now using My Child at School (MCAS). It offers you so much information at your fingertips such as:

- Access to your student's timetable, the academy calendar and attendance information for your child.
- Communication facilities to improve contact between parents / carers and school
- School Announcements
- Instant access to student reports and letters

MCAS is also the only way you can currently pay for lunches, trips, revision guides etc.

If you have not already downloaded the app, please do so as you will then receive letters and messages immediately. If we need to contact you regarding your child, for example if they are ill or need to come home, we can send you a notification and you will see it straight away.

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To activate your app, you will need an activation code. If you need this resending, please call the office or email us and we will send it to you. The office can help with any queries you have about setting the app up or about using it once you have it.

If you already have the app, please can you check in your phone settings to ensure that you have Bromcom notifications switched on.

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

I would like to thank you all for the support that you have shown our staff this year. 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 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs C Eastwood**  
Head of School

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## Behaviour & Uniform policy changes for 2024-2025

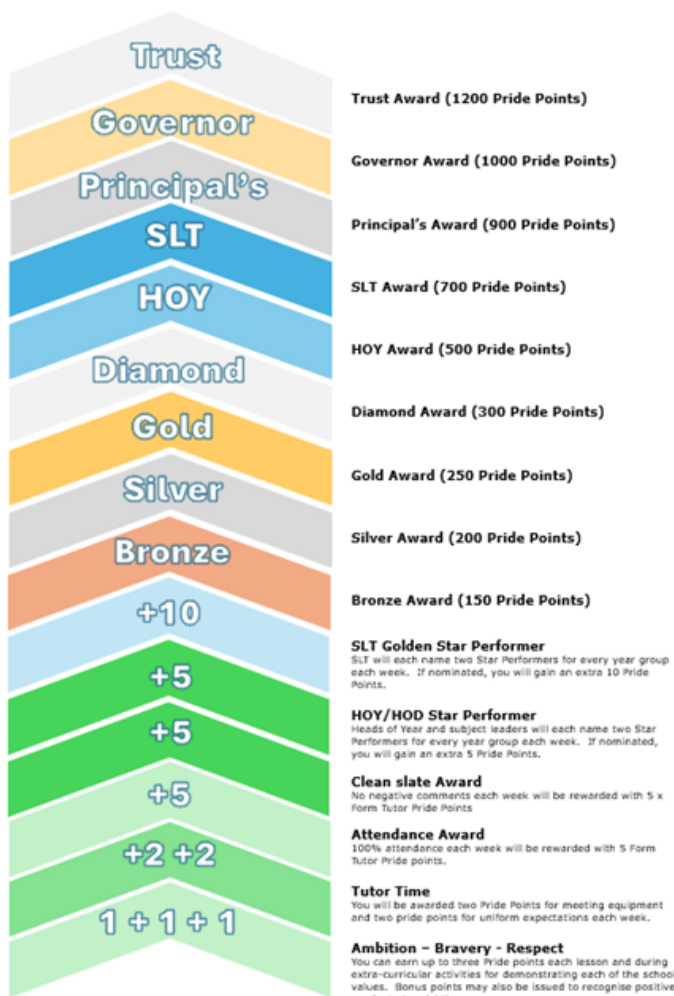


A guide for Parents/Carers. For the coming year there are some changes to the Behaviour and uniform policies, please find a summary below, a full copy of the policy will be sent to all parents/carers.

Students will be expected to follow the academy universal rules of **Ready, Respect, Safe (RRS)**.

RRS will be in place in lessons, around the academy site and to and from the academy. Students must ensure their behaviour is **Ready** for learning, **Respectful** of staff, students, visitors, the building itself and their behaviour is **Safe**. Any behaviour deemed not to be meeting these expectations will be sanctioned.

**Improved Rewards Program:** At Airedale Academy, the academy behaviour system encourages all students to make positive behaviour choices and we place significant importance on rewarding and recognising students who consistently meet our high expectations and demonstrate our values of Ambition, Bravery and Respect. Airedale Academy expect all staff to praise students at all opportunities, this is central to our core values of Ambition, Bravery, Respect.



### Pride points are issued for:

- Ambition - Outstanding work.
- Ambition - Home-learning.
- Ambition - Contribution to reading aloud.
- Bravery - Outstanding effort
- Bravery - Extra-curricular activities
- Bravery - Contribution to a lesson
- Respect - Act of kindness.
- Respect - significant contributions to Academy life.
- Ambition - Outstanding progress.
- Ambition - 100% attendance in a week/term.
- Respect - Correct uniform & equipment each week

Students will also receive postcards for outstanding work, be nominated for special rewards which will be issued with a special stamp by the HOY, HOD of SLT link. These students will receive additional praise and be able to access additional rewards.

Rewards assemblies will take place at the end of each half term to celebrate student's achievements. At the end of the year we will hold our celebration of the year event where nominated students and their parents carers will be invited to this special celebration.

### CLEAN SLATE AWARD

For each student who receives no negative marks a week, they will receive 5 Pride Points.

### CERTIFICATE PRESENTATIONS

These will take place at timely and regular intervals throughout the year.

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### Punctuality and Attendance

Students are expected on site by 8.25am, the gates will close at 8.28am to allow students time to get to their form room. After this time a student will be considered late to the academy and will be issued with a 30 min detention the following day. Registration will take place at 8.30am in a students designated form room.

### What happens if a student displays repeated poor behaviour in any given day?

Multiple Stage 3 - WARNING or Stage 4 - REMOVAL  
 4x Stage 3's in a day = Internal Exclusion for the following day  
 3x Stage 4's in a day = Use of Connect for the remainder of the day/Internal Exclusion the following day.

### Sanctions and Support

Detentions will now run from:  
 3.00pm-3.30pm 30 mins  
 3.00pm-4.00pm 60mins  
 Lunchtime detentions will also be used where appropriate

### Change of name for spaces

**Inclusion** will now be known as **Step-Up**. This space will support student expectations, emotional regulation and well-being as well as supporting students who are returning to the academy after a period of absence.

**Reflection** will now be known as **Connect**. This space will support students when their behaviour falls below expectations both in and out of lesson.

**Step-Out** will now be known as **Internal Exclusion**. This space will be used in more serious incidents or where a student displays repeated incidents of poor behaviour. It will be used as an alternative to external suspension.

### Reporting system

Airedale Academy will introduce a sequenced reporting system with clear expectations and sanctions. The reporting system uses the support systems in school to monitor poor behaviour in the classroom.

Students will be expected to complete any allocated report to the required standard, otherwise the report stage will be escalated. Failure to pass a report will lead to sanctions being issued. We expect parents/carers to play a supportive role in ensuring a student passes their allocated report.

At each stage, a range of internal and external support mechanisms will be deployed to support a student to improve their behaviour. This could include referrals to external agencies.

Serious behaviour incidents may result in students moving directly to Stage 3 or Stage 4.

Specific subject reports will also be used to support behaviour improvements in a specific subject, failure to improve behaviour will lead to sanctions being issued.

### Internal Truancy:

It is expected that all students remain in lessons unless given permission to leave. When a student leaves a lesson without permission or fails to arrive at a lesson within the allowed time, this will be known as Internal Truancy.

The sanction of internal truancy is Connect or IE, for the remainder of the day.

### Mobile Phones

Electronic devices may not be used at any time on the academy site between 8.25am-3.00pm. The same rules will apply when the academy day is extended. e.g detentions/boosters

Devices must be switched off (not merely silent)

Devices must be kept in a bag, devices kept in the blazer, shirt or trouser pocket will be deemed as visible.

If an electronic device is seen it will be confiscated. The first time a confiscation occurs in a half term, the student will be able to collect at the end of the day. **Any subsequent confiscations will require the device to be collected by a parent/carer.**



### Uniform Changes

From September 2024 all students will be required to wear plain black formal shoes.

The following are considered unacceptable: Trainers, Cross trainers, canvas shoes, Pumps/Plimsoll style shoes, Ankle boots (this list is not exhaustive)



Plain Black Tailored Trousers:



Black Opaque Tights or Socks (visible socks should be plain black)



### Loaning uniform

It is important that our students turn up in the correct uniform **everyday**. If a student is missing an item of uniform, they are allowed to borrow an item once per half term. If they ask again they will work in Connect until the item of uniform is rectified.



### Equipment - The following equipment is considered compulsory for all students

School Bag



Highlighter



Black Pen



Eraser



Green Pen



Dry Wipe Pen



Pencil



Pencil Case



Ruler



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