



19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

We have had another really positive year at Arnold Hill, with plenty going on and lots of hard work from our staff and pupils. Our children have achieved many great things both in and out of the classroom, in academic, sporting and artistic fields. We highlight some of these great achievements in our termly **Academy Newsletter**, and throughout the year on our website, through Twitter and on our Facebook page. Please do take the time to read about our fantastic pupils and the wide variety of opportunities and activities they have been engaging with this year.

Communication between school and home is vitally important so please make sure we have your **up to date contact details**, including email addresses and mobile phone numbers. It is also important that we know of any **health issues** your child has so we can support them effectively. If there have been any changes to these details, then please complete the Data Collection form which can be found on our website: [pupil-data-collection-and-consent-form](#)

Our last day of term for pupils is **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**. On this day pupils will finish from 2:00pm beginning with Year 7 and 6<sup>th</sup> Form pupils. Year 8 pupils will leave at 2:05pm followed by Year 9 at 2:10pm and Year 10 at 2:15 pm. We have two INSET days on our return so will open to pupils on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**. Please see details below.

### ***Changes to the School Day from September***

Please remember that following consultation earlier in the year it had been decided that lunchtime will be shortened by 10 minutes. The school day will therefore finish at 3:05pm each day except Wednesdays, where the day finishes at 2:40pm to facilitate regular professional development and training for staff. The amount of time pupils spend in lessons has not been affected. The new school day timings are:

#### **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

Guidance	08.35 – 09.00
Period 1	09.00 – 10.00
Period 2	10.00 – 11.00
<b>Break</b>	<b>11.00 – 11.20</b>
Period 3	11.20 – 12.20
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12.20 – 1.05</b>
Period 4	1.05 – 2.05
Period 5	2.05 – 3.05

#### **Wednesday ONLY**

Period 1	8.35 – 9:35
Period 2	9:35 – 10:35
<b>Break</b>	<b>10:35 – 10:55</b>
Period 3	10:55 – 11:55
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>11:55 – 12:40</b>
Period 4	12:40 – 1:40
Period 5	1:40 – 2.40

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### **Arrangements for the start of term: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Pupils are required to be on site at the following times with normal lessons beginning Period 3 after break:

Year 7	8:30am	Assemble outside in the 'A Block Park Area'	Assembly in A Hall at 8:40am
Year 8	8:30am	Meet outside 'B Block' Hall then go to Tutor Rooms	Assembly in A Hall at 9:10am
Year 9	9:00am	Meet outside 'B Block' Hall then go to Tutor Rooms	Assembly in A Hall at 9:40am
Year 10	9:30am	Meet outside 'B Block' Hall then go to Tutor Rooms	Assembly in A Hall at 10:05am
Year 11	10:00am	Meet outside 'B Block' Hall then go to Tutor Rooms	Assembly in A Hall at 11:00am

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A WEDNESDAY AND THE SCHOOL DAY ENDS AT 2:40PM.**

### **6<sup>th</sup> Form Arrangements**

#### **Year 13**

Start Back Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

10.00am - Assembly followed by Guidance and issue of timetables. Lessons start Period 3.

#### **Year 12**

Registration on GCSE Results day, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, downstairs in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Building.

Second Registration Day Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 9.00-11.00am for pupils unable to attend on GCSE Results day.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September arrive for Guidance at 8.30am; Timetables issued and lessons start Period 1

The Academy reception in 'A Block' will be staffed and open throughout the holiday.

### **Standards and Expectations**

At Arnold Hill Academy we have certain standards we need you to be aware of, and ask that you take a moment to familiarise yourself with them and also speak to your child over the Summer holidays, to ensure they return to school in September aware of, and able to meet, these standards every day. **For those whose children cycle to school, please ensure you and your child are aware of and comply with, the new requirement for all cyclists to wear helmets.** This is for obvious safety reasons. Please follow these two links to view the safety statistics relating to this: [Cycle stats](#) [Cycling safety statistics](#)

### **Mobile Phones**

For pupils in Years 7 to 11 mobile phones and any audio equipment must not be used, seen or heard on the school site. That is, once pupils are on site, mobile phones must be out of sight and switched off for the duration of the school day, and until pupils have left site. Phones will be confiscated if they are seen or heard on site to ensure full compliance. Pupils must collect their mobile at the end of the day. Sixth Form pupils are only permitted to use their phones or audio equipment in designated areas within the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Building, and not around the site or in classrooms. If 6<sup>th</sup> Form pupils do not comply with this, then their mobile or audio equipment will also be confiscated.

### **Uniform**

School uniform this year has much improved. The vast majority of our pupils wear their uniform smartly and with pride. The uniform policy is simple and available on our website. Please do check this before shopping for new school uniform. Just because a shop has certain clothing in a school wear range doesn't mean that it complies with Arnold Hill Academy's uniform requirements. It has been our experience that some pupils get piercings, nail colourings or dye their hair over the Summer. If this is the case for your child, please make sure that when they return to school in September their hair is a natural colour, their nails are clear and piercings are in line with our uniform policy. Uniform is to be worn correctly at all times, shirts tucked-in and ties fastened properly, appropriate footwear must be worn (i.e. no trainers/UGG boots etc.). Blazer sleeves are not to be rolled up.

### **Jewellery Expectations**

No jewellery is to be worn with the exception of one stud earring in each ear, no visible necklaces and no bracelets or rings. No facial piercings.

### **Make-up & Hair**

No nail varnish/polish to be worn. Subtle make-up only to be worn. No extreme hair colouring.

### **Groupings and Pastoral Changes**

As pupils develop and make progress throughout the year at the Academy, it is only right that we ensure our groupings reflect this. I'm sure you will appreciate that constructing a tutor group list is a difficult task with many factors to take into account. We have taken this exercise very seriously and need you to be aware that it is often impossible to move just one child as this can impact on many other factors and individuals or upset the balance of a class. I would ask you to fully respect our judgements and decision making as professionals on this matter.

### **Tutor Group Changes**

This decision has been made for a number of reasons which include: ensuring there are similar pupil numbers within tutor groups, ensuring efficient use of our full and part-time staff to maximise consistency for pupils, Year 11 tutor groups have tutors from the core subjects of English, Maths and Science to enable effective and enhanced intervention and revision to take place during Guidance time.

Your child has been informed today if they are moving tutor groups and will have been informed of their tutor's name. Your child's tutor will be in touch early in September to introduce themselves as they are the first port of call for any issues or concerns you may need to raise. Please ensure that your email contact details are up to date with the Academy to ensure this process can take place as smoothly as possible.

### **Mixed-Banding in Key Stage 3 Classes**

We strive to foster a culture of aspiration and ensure that pupils have every possibility to thrive and grow during Year 7 and 8. At the point of transition to secondary school, pupils come from a range of background and starting points and we know they develop at different rates. In order to support and strive for an outstanding curriculum provision for all, we will operate mixed-banding classes in which a range of information is used including reading age, SATs data, and Teacher Assessment. This will ensure that every pupil has appropriate stretch and challenge in all their lessons and gives them an

opportunity to be the best they can be. Groupings are reviewed on a termly basis to ensure maximum progress for all. As a result, your child may find themselves in a different group or, in a small number of cases, moved to a teaching group on the opposite year half in September.

Results day for **A Levels** is **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August** in A Hall and for **GCSE** it's **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August** in A Hall, from 8:00am – 2:00pm on both days. Pupils have worked hard and conducted themselves very well throughout the exam period. I know for pupils and parents/carers alike, exam time and awaiting results can be stressful. We wish all our pupils well and will be here to offer congratulations, support and guidance over results day and beyond.

As always we are very grateful for the continued support parents and carers give the Academy. May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very relaxing and happy Summer break.

Yours faithfully

**Matt Robertson**  
Head Teacher