

**End of term and start to term arrangements**

Dear Parent / Carer,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our whole school community for their invaluable support and hard work throughout this academic year. There have been many highlights throughout this year, and we are sure that all our students have made good progress both personally and academically.

The final day of this academic year is on Thursday 24th July 2025. On this day, all students will be able to leave school from 13:00pm onwards after they have had their lunch. If there are any students who cannot go home at this time and need to stay on site until 2:55pm, please contact the school reception no later than Wednesday 23rd July at 9am so that provision can be made.

On Wednesday 23rd July and Thursday 24th July 2025, all students are welcome to attend school in non-uniform for the day. We would like to ask for a donation on each day that will go towards the school reward budget. Please ensure your child is in appropriate dress for school.

As you would expect, our focus is now shifting from getting to the end of this academic year to focusing on the next.

We have now set our Inset days for the next academic year to be as follows:

Inset Day 1	Thursday 4 th September 2025
Inset Day 2	Friday 5 th September 2025
Inset Day 3	Friday 7 th November 2025
Inset Day 4	Friday 5 th December 2025
Inset Day 5	Monday 5 th January 2026
Inset Day 6	Friday 26 th June 2026

The new school year will begin on Monday 8th September 2025 for all students. All students should arrive on site for no later than 8:20am prompt and finish at 2:55pm. We ask that all students enter and leave via the Sports Hall gates only. Could we please remind parents that parking is limited close to the school site, and we are therefore asking that all parents park a short distance away from the entrance to allow students to leave safely.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our uniform expectations for September. Students should be wearing their full uniform:

- AHS black blazer or AHS school jumper
- AHS tie
- White shirt
- AHS black trousers, skirt or tailored shorts
- Plain black footwear

Any pupil not in the correct uniform will be provided with replacements. Hoodies should not be worn to school at all. Any refusal with regards to uniform will result in the beginning of our warning and behaviour system.

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Students should arrive to school ready to learn with the correct equipment. Ideally students will need a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, red pen, highlighter and some coloured pencil crayons. From September, teachers will be providing Mini Whiteboard items in lessons rather than students needing their own. As a minimum, students need a **pen, pencil and ruler every day** and failure to have these basic items will result in negative behaviour points. To help you provide the correct equipment for your child, we are selling pencil cases on ParentPay which can be collected from reception once payment has been received.



For the new academic year, we will be moving tutor time on a Friday to the end of the day. This is to allow students and form tutors to review the week and upload house points onto Arbor. There will be a much greater focus on rewarding students next year and ensuring that all students are recognised for their efforts both in and outside of the classroom.

As you will be aware, the school has a huge focus on improving pupil attendance. We have made great strides this year and so many of our students have had excellent attendance for 2024-2025. We are hoping to build on this further over the next academic year with your support and aim for all students to have at least 95% attendance. If you feel that you need additional support for your child(ren) with regards to attendance, please contact our attendance team, Mrs S Kelly-Smith and Mrs L Steed, early before any issues escalate.

This week we have had notification from Derbyshire County Council to say that the price of a standard school meal is to remain the same at £3.55 from September 2025 onwards. For this price, your child is able to purchase two courses plus a small drink. If your child is entitled to free school meals, they will have this amount credited to their account daily.

Finally, we hope you and your families have a very enjoyable summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming all students back in September.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Blake & Mrs J Powdrill
Deputy Headteachers.

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