

ACS PARENTS NEWS

Monday 15 October - Friday 19 October - Issue #5

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ALL	Monday 22 October to Friday 26 October All Students: Half Term
11	Thursday 1 November - Year 11 Sixth Form Open Evening - Parents and Students
7 8 9 10 12	Monday 5 November - Friday 9 November Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 Academic Review Week
11	Monday 12 November - Year 11 Examinations begin
11	Monday 26 November - Year 11 Practical Examinations begin
ALL	Friday 30 November - All Students Academy Day. School closed.
ALL	Monday 3 December - All Students Staff Training Day. School closed.
12 13	Thursday 6 December - Year 12 and Year 13 Parents Evening
ALL	Wednesday 12 December - All students Performing Arts Winter Concert
11	Thursday 13 December - Year 11 Parents Evening
ALL	Thursday 20 December - All students House Competitions
ALL	Friday 21 December - All students Celebration Assemblies
ALL	Monday 24 December - Friday 4 January All students Christmas Break
ALL	Monday 7 January - All students First Day of Spring Term - 8.30am



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The annual events of Diwali and Guy Fawkes Night always generate tremendous enthusiasm in our community. As well as enjoying both events, we must also take every precaution to ensure the safety of our students.

Fireworks are extremely dangerous. Every year, hundreds of people suffer serious burns and eye injuries. This is why it is illegal to buy fireworks if you are under 18 years old. It is also illegal for under 18's to possess fireworks in public. We have made it clear to students that any involvement with fireworks is a serious breach of the school's behaviour code that will lead to the permanent exclusion of any students found to be involved. Please note that we regard "snappers" as a form of firework. Bringing fireworks into school is a very serious matter which will not be tolerated. We will also take action if students are in possession of fireworks before or after school, including their journey to school and their journey home.

We appreciate your support in this serious matter and request that you discuss this with your child so that they are fully aware of the dangers of fireworks and the law about buying and using them; in doing so, we will ensure the safety of our staff, students and community.

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Being **READY** to learn means being organised for the learning. One simple way to do this is to pack your school bag the night before, checking your timetable to make sure that everything is in there for your lessons the following day. But the most important part of being ready to learn is that **students arrive to lessons with a positive attitude, are actively taking part, asking lots of questions and trying their best at all times.**