

Issue 2: 23 September 2022

We still have places available for our open events. If you would like to visit and find out a little more about Ansford, please visit our website and book a slot.



Ansford Academy
Open Evening and Open Mornings

Year 6 and Year 5 families are warmly invited to attend our open events; bookings in advance

OPEN EVENING
Thursday 29th September: 5.00pm until 7.30pm
Presentations will take place in PA2 at: 5.45pm and 6.30pm

OPEN MORNINGS (School Tours 9.25am until 10.15am)
Wednesday 5th October, Thursday 6th October and Friday 7th October
Wednesday 12th October, Thursday 13th October and Friday 14th October

Book your places in advance via our website

Please visit the Ansford Academy website to book your slot: www.ansford.org.uk

Bookings available from Tuesday 13th September 2022

Ansford Academy, Muggs Lane, Castle Cary, Somerset BA77 7JJ - 01963 350 895 - admissions@ansford.net

Message from Ms Purnell, Headteacher

Dear Families

I hope that you have had time to read [the letter](#) sent out this week explaining our developing relationship with a group of local schools: *The Somerset Partnership*. We are hopeful that, as our work in the partnership continues to develop, we will see the benefits of working collaboratively for our young people. I will keep you informed as the partnership develops.

We were pleased to see so many families attend our Year 10 Information Evening this week. It was a great opportunity to welcome families into school and to be sharing important information about the beginning of the Key Stage 4 journey at Ansford.

We are looking forward to some key events next week: our Open Evening where we can share all that is great about Ansford and our INSET day where we are fortunate to have booked an external speaker who will be sharing expertise in relation to positive behaviour management strategies.

Have a great weekend!

Rachel Purnell
Headteacher

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Introducing our New Staff



Mr Mitchell
Assistant Headteacher
(Community and Conduct)



Ms Perkins
SEDNCo
Associate Assistant
Headteacher



Ms Walsh
Head of Year 7 and 8



Mrs Withers
2nd in Maths
(KS3 Lead)



Mr Oats
Head of Design Technology



Mr Antoine
Teacher of Humanities
Teacher of Maths



Mrs Switzer
Teacher of Geography



Mrs Summerbell
Teaching Assistant

Academy Calendar: Key Upcoming Events

Week	Date	Event	Location Timing	Staff Contact
2	Tues 27th Sept	<i>Camps International 2024 Launch Meeting</i> For parents and carers of any interested students in Year 9, 10 and 11	6.00 - 6.30pm In Person Event PA2	Mrs Switzer
2	Tues 27th Sept	History Trip Year 9 students	School Day	Mrs Kenchington
2	Thurs 29th Sept	Year 10 Theme Day: Belief and Values Please see the notice below from Mrs Hardy-Stewart.		Mrs Hardy-Stewart
2	Thurs 29th Sept	<i>Open Evening for Families of Year 5 and 6</i> Bookings online via website	5.00 - 7:30pm In Person Event	Mrs Lowe
2	Fri 30th Sept	INSET Day Staff training day: NO students in school	All Day	
1	Thurs 6th Oct	Year 11 Geography Trip -Mr Cue Group Geography students compulsory curriculum event in school time.	School Day	Mrs Kenchington Mr Cue
1	Fri 7th Oct	Year 11 Geography Trip - Ms Perkins Group Geography students compulsory curriculum event in school time.	School Day	Mrs Kenchington Ms Perkins

Notices

Who to Contact

The relationship between school and home is a key one as a successful partnership between us will support your child's learning, progress and happiness at school. Our aim is to work with you and your child to ensure that happens, which is why it's important to talk with us if you have any questions, concerns or wish to share information with us.

Sometimes, especially when you are new to the school, it can be hard to know who to contact. Our reception staff will be able to direct you to the right member of staff but as a general guide, the key routes for contact are as follows:

- For most pastoral matters, your child's tutor will be the first point of contact;
- If the matter remains unresolved, or for more complex pastoral matters, please ask for your child's Head of Year;
- For matters relating to lessons and learning in a single lesson, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance;
- If the matter remains unresolved or is more complex, please ask for the Head of Faculty in that subject area;
- For other matters, please describe your situation to our reception staff and they will direct you to the appropriate member of staff.

Please remember that many of our staff are also teachers which means that they will not be able to make immediate responses due to their teaching commitments. We aim to respond to all queries within 2 working days; for more complex queries this initial contact may be a holding response whilst we look into your concerns. If your concern is more urgent, please explain that when you make contact.

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Assembly Rota

Week / Dates	Theme	Delivered by
Week 2 26th - 30th September	Aspiration <ul style="list-style-type: none">● An introduction to student leadership opportunities● Exploring a role model that inspired you● The value of aspiring to a greater / long term goal● Understanding how marginal gains help to achieve goals Encouraging all pupils to reflect on Post 16 / 18 plans	Heads of Year
Week 1 3rd - 7th October	Black History Month <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Understanding why Black History Month is so important● Address misconceptions and assumptions of black history● An introduction to iconic historical figures and their achievements● Link to how Britain is a widely inclusive / multi cultural society	Mrs Kenchington

From The Attendance Office

Attendance Matters

We are aware that the link given in the previous Bulletin did not work for all families. Please try the link below

https://www.ansford.org.uk/news_and_events/attendance

From Mr Musson and Mrs Mallord

Year 10 Information Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended the 'Year 10 Information Evening' on Tuesday. It was really nice to see everyone again in person. Please follow [this link](#) to see a copy of the presentation that was presented during the evening.

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From Mr Cue

Goal Setting Meetings Year 7 and Year 10

These meetings will be virtual (12.45 - 6.30pm). Information will go out directly to parents on booking appointments in due course: Year 7 Tuesday 18th October and Year 10 Thursday 20th October

From Mrs Lowe, PA to the Headteacher

Tempest Photography

Many students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 had their photographs taken at the beginning of the term. If you have not yet ordered your school photos please be aware that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is Tuesday 27th September. If you completed the form sent to you seeking consent for the Academy to share your email please order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Biometric Consent

If you have not already done so can you please complete the biometric [consent form](#) as soon as possible. This will enable us to move back to cashless catering.

Lost Uniform

Can you please ensure that all school uniform is named. Reception has a number of school blazers that appear to have been misplaced, if your child is missing one please ask them to speak to a member of the reception team.

From Mrs Hardy-Stewart

Belief and Values Theme Day Year 10

Next Thursday 29th September Year 10 will do a special day looking at British Values and the main beliefs of Christianity and Islam.. The school is required to deliver some Religious Education in Key Stage Four to all the students and Mr Willson (Head of RE) and Mrs Hardy-Stewart (Head of PSHCE) have collaborated to plan the day. The day will also be led by Ms Kaseraka and Mrs Martin.

As part of the day, each class will go on a very short walk to the little church in Ansford to have a look around the building and do some Q and A with the vicar. I am hopeful that it will be fine that day but if not, please remind your son/ daughter to bring a coat and/ or umbrella. We are planning to do some beautiful calligraphy and illuminated text during the day to offer the students time to explore some key ideas from their learning artistically.

From Mrs Switzer, Teacher of Geography

CAMPS International - Year 9, 10, 11 students Kenya Scuba 2024 Expedition

Parents and Carers Presentation Evening

Just a reminder following on from the email that you have already received about bringing your parents and carers along on the evening of **Tuesday 27th September at 6pm in PA2** to find out loads more about our Kenya expedition and how you can fundraise.

Don't forget to register for the presentation online via the link in [this letter](#) so that we can get an information brochure ready for you <https://form.campsinternational.com/register>

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From The Year 11 Team**Year 11 Intervention/Revision/Support/Catch-up Timetable
Starts Monday 12th September**

	Lunchtime (1:45pm - 2:30pm)	After School (3:30pm - 4:30pm)
Monday	Spanish: In WS3 with Miss Kenchington	
Tuesday	Art & Photography: In AR1 with Mrs Reddick	Science: In SC1 with Mr Kershaw, Mr Cocks and Miss Mascall PE/Sports Studies: In IT2 with Mrs Wood, Mr Darby and Mr Hill Citizenship: In WS4 with Mr Willson
Wednesday	Geography: In WS3 with Ms Perkins (2pm -2:30pm)	English: In EN5 with Mr Noott, Mrs Uffendell, Mrs Hardy-Stewart and Ms Mallord
Thursday	Design & Technology: In DT2 with Mr Oats	Maths: Foundation Tier in MA5 with Mrs Withers & Mrs Piper Higher Tier in MA3 with Miss Harris & Mr Musson RE: In WS4 with Mr Willson
Friday	History In WS4 with Miss Harries	

From Mrs Kenchington, Head of World Studies**Spanish and French Homework**

Homework for Spanish and French will be predominantly set via *Memrise* which is a fantastic website that allows students to learn and consolidate their language learning. The lists that students work from are created by their teachers to match what is being delivered in the classroom but it is not an Ansford Academy site. This means that students should be aware of any information they share or communicate through the website. Please remind your child not to share personal information and to be aware that any person is able to use the website.

Geography Trip: Year 11

Year 11 Geographers will be carrying out their first field work trip at Lyme Regis. Mr Cue's group will visit on October 6th and Ms Perkins on October 7th, this trip is in preparation for their GCSE exams.

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History Trip: Year 9

We are taking 60 year 9 students to a History workshop at the M shed in Bristol next Tuesday to find out more about Bristol's involvement in the slave trade.

From Mrs Wood, Head of PE

Important information

1. If your child is in school but unable to participate in PE (for example due to injury), please send them in with a written note in their LogBook. Students will still need their PE kit as they will be asked to participate in PE in a non-performing role (e.g. coach, umpire, helper). Exceptions will be made where the nature of the injury prevents them from getting changed or taking part in this capacity.
2. If any students have had any piercings over the summer then please send them in with some tape to put over the earrings for PE lessons. Once students are able to remove piercings, they will be asked to do so for health and safety reasons.

Hockey Fixtures

We have Year 7-11 hockey fixtures booked over the coming two terms. If your child comes to the lunchtime club and is selected to play in the team, you will receive an email containing all the details on the Friday of the week before the fixture. All students playing in hockey fixtures will need shin pads and a gum shield. As the weather gets wetter, football boots are also recommended.

If you are the parent of a student involved in a fixture then you will need to complete the fixtures consent form (link below) to give your consent. This lasts for the five years that your son/daughter is at Ansford. We have moved to this information being online so are asking parents in all years (7-11) to complete this.

<https://forms.gle/6URXkkbBLpMWmi9K8>

Badminton Taster Sessions

There are spaces on a Wednesday night for the after school badminton club, which is open to all year groups. If you are interested in attending then please speak to Mrs Wood who will arrange for you to attend a taster session.

Sporting Clubs

	Lunch	Staff	Time
Monday	Y7 Handball Y8 Football	Mr Connolly Mr Newbury	Lunch Lunch
Tuesday	Y11 Gym Y7 Hockey Y7 Rugby Girls' Rugby (All Years)	Mr Hill Sports Leaders Mr Darby and Mr Antoine Mrs Switzer	Lunch Lunch Lunch Lunch
Wednesday	Y8 and Y9 Hockey Y10 and Y11 Rugby Y9 Gym Badminton Club	Mrs Wood Mr Hill James Elkin	Lunch Lunch Lunch After School
Thursday	Y10 and Y11 Hockey	Mrs Wood	Lunch

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	Y8 and Y9 Rugby	Mr Darby	Lunch
Friday	Y10 Gym		Lunch

Congratulations

Well done to the Year 11 Girls' Hockey Team who won their first match last night 17-0 against Bucklers Mead Academy. Well done to all who played.

A message for Sports Studies/Science students:

Information was sent home this week via email about purchasing a GCSE PE or Sports Studies PE top. Payments are now open on the school gateway if you'd like to purchase one. They are £15 each and the deadline for making orders is Friday 30th September.

From Mr Hill, Head of Year 11

Sexey's Sixth Form Open Evening

Sexey's Sixth Form Evening will be taking place on Tuesday 11th October. If you would like to attend please register by completing the form found via the website.

<https://www.sexeys.somerset.sch.uk/admissions-process-state-boarding/sixth-form-open-evening/>

From Mrs Watson, Careers Advisor

Careers - Year 11 Moving On Evening and Next Steps

Last week Year 11 students and their families attended an evening of talks from local Colleges and Sixth Form schools about their options after GCSEs. This included information and advice about full time study and qualifications on offer such as A levels, T Levels and Vocational Diplomas. Talks also covered Apprenticeships and Traineeships for those who are interested in the world of work after leaving Ansford. A huge thank you to all our guest speakers.

If you or your son/daughter in Year 11 want to find out more, a list of Open evening dates in the Autumn Term where you can visit Colleges and 6th forms is available on the Careers page of the school website. Other opportunities will also be advertised on the website throughout the year as well as being sent as alerts via SchoolComms. Keep an eye out!

https://www.ansford.org.uk/learning_at_ansford/careers/careers_events_and_experiences

https://www.ansford.org.uk/learning_at_ansford/careers/post_16_events_and_information

Further support for Year 11 students this term.....

- Every student will be invited for an individual meeting in school to discuss their career plans and choices with Independent Careers Adviser, Wendy Watson. Appointments will be advised through tutor groups. If students or parents would like to request a meeting, please email Wendy directly: wendy.watson@ansford.net she is in school on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- **Tuesday 8th November** - Somerset Careers Fair, Westland Leisure Complex, Yeovil – open to all
- **Wednesday 9th November** - visit to Strode College Taster day for all Y11 students – more details to come
- **Wednesday 16th November** - Mock interviews with local employers and members of the local community will take place in school

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Now is the time to do your research and make your decisions! Below is the timeline for guidance on the next steps process:

Autumn Term 2022 Timeline

September 2022

Post-16 Options information evening at Ansford

Study prospectuses and research options. Students attend individual Careers interview in school

October – November 2022

Y11 Taster day (9th November)
Students attend Strode College taster day

Y11 Mock interviews in school (November 16th)

Families can attend College taster open evenings and Somerset Careers Fair (8th November)

December 2022

Complete post 16 applications online (by Mon 3rd January 2023)

Post 16 interviews start (ongoing through Spring 2023)

Independent Careers advice is available in school throughout this process and beyond GCSEs: All year 11 students will be invited for a Careers appointment to discuss their next steps.
Parents are welcome to make contact, too

Contact Wendy Watson – Independent Careers Adviser for Ansford Academy: wendy.watson@ansford.net

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From Mr Newbury, Head of Year 9 and Drama Teacher

Ansford Academy proudly presents.....



Key Information

Rehearsals will be every Wednesday - 3:30pm until 5:30pm (starting 14/09/22)

Performance dates - Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th and Friday 9th December 2022

Cast meeting - Tuesday 13 September at 2pm

Any Year 7 students that are interested are welcome to join.

Please speak with Mr Newbury and attend the cast meeting. Information will be provided during assembly next week (12/09/22)

Other Notices

Current Staff Vacancies

[Ansford Academy - VACANCIES](#)

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