

# Bulletin for Ansford Families

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families

It has been really lovely to welcome families into school for our Open Events so that we can share all that is great about Ansford. Our students have been the real stars of the events as they have toured families around the site, given speeches and supported activities. We have been so proud to see them talk with such knowledge about all aspects of life at Ansford and to communicate such pride for the school. They have been such a credit to the school and to you.

Hopefully, you will have seen in our last edition that we had a number of events planned including to enrich our curriculum offer: the launch of Camps International 2024, a KS3 History Trip to Bristol, Y11 Geography FieldWork Trips and our Y10 Theme Day. These have all been really successful so many thanks to the staff involved for planning, organising and leading these events.

Last week, we hosted an external speaker on our training day, Andy Vass. He came to share his expertise in relation to positive behaviour management strategies which staff found really useful as they came away with a range of strategies to use in their interactions with our young people.

Following the publication of photographs of staff new to the school in the last edition, this time I am sharing photographs of our Senior Leadership Team so that you are able to put faces to names if you haven't yet met us in person. In future editions, I plan to work my way through other key teams as well.

Please remember that we are really open to any ideas you might have about how we can improve our Family Bulletin. It is one of our key means of communication with you so we want it to be useful. Please use the email address below if you have any suggestions.

Rachel Purnell  
Headteacher

## 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.

## Academy Calendar: Key Upcoming Events

Week	Date in October	Event	Location Timing	Staff Contact
2	Wednesday 12th	<b>Open Morning</b> For Year 5 and Year 6 families with pre-booked visits	9:25am - 10:25am In person event	Mrs Lowe
2	Friday 14th	<b>Open Morning</b> For Year 5 and Year 6 families with pre-booked visits	9:25am - 10:25am In person event	Mrs Lowe
1	17th - 21st	<b>Recognition and Reward Week</b> Please see information below from Mr Cue		Mr Cue
1	Tuesday 18th	<b>Autumn Interform</b> This is a whole school event. More information can be found below.	Period 1 - Year 11 Period 2 - Year 10 Period 3 - Year 9 Period 4 - Year 8 Period 5 - Year 7	Mrs Wood
1	Tuesday 18th Oct	<b>Year 7 Goal Setting Meetings</b> These meetings will be by appointment with your child's tutor	12:45pm until 6:30pm Virtual	Mr Cue
1	Thursday 20th	<b>Year 10 Goal Setting Meetings</b> These meetings will be by appointment with your child's tutor	12:45pm until 6:30pm Virtual	Mr Cue
1	Friday 21st	End of half term	3.30pm	
2	Monday 31st	Start of term		

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## Introducing our Senior Leadership Team



Ms Purnell  
Headteacher



Mr Musson  
Deputy Headteacher  
Curriculum and Standards



Ms Hirst  
Deputy Headteacher  
Welfare and Inclusion  
DSL



Mrs King  
Deputy Headteacher  
Welfare and Inclusion  
DSL



Mr Mitchell  
Assistant Headteacher  
Community and Conduct



Mr Cue  
Assistant Headteacher  
Teaching and Learning



Ms Harris  
Associate Assistant Headteacher  
Head of Maths



Mr Noot  
Associate Assistant Headteacher  
Head of English



Ms Perkins  
Associate Assistant Headteacher  
SENDCo



Mrs Comyns  
Business Manager

## Regular Notices

### From The Safeguarding Department

#### Safeguarding News

Please find [here the](#) safeguarding bulletin.

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## From SEND News

Please click the link below to find out the latest news from SEND services in Somerset:

[SEND News \(somersex.gov.uk\)](http://somersex.gov.uk)

## From Assembly Themes

<b>10th - 14th October</b>	<b>Mental Health Awareness</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● An introduction to mental health</li><li>● Exploring what anxiety looks and feels like</li><li>● Identifying methods of self help<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Knowing who to seek help from</li></ul></li></ul>	Mr Musson
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[Black History Month](#) (begins 1 October)

[World Mental Health Day](#) (10 October)

<b>17th - 21st October</b>	<b>Achievement Assembly</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Subject / Tutor Group winners</li><li>● Top 5 girls / boys</li><li>● Tutor group winners<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Individual accolades / achievements</li></ul></li></ul>	Heads of Year
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[International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#) (17 October)

<b>31st October - 4th November</b>	<b>Success</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Goal setting</li><li>● The importance of always working to and above potential</li><li>● Understanding the importance of behaviour for learning (For KS4, GCSE progress / expectations / raising achievement)</li></ul>	Mr Cue
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## From Ms Fulton First Aid Administrator

### Health Care Plans

If your child requires a personal health care plan can you please ensure that the forms are signed and returned to the Academy for the attention of Ms Fulton as soon as possible.

### Vaccination Programme

The opportunity to receive a Flu vaccine will be available for students in Years 7, 8 & 9 on 5th January. Consent forms will be sent out electronically in the coming weeks.

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## From Mr Cue

### Class Charts Update

As outlined in the family update on the 9th September, we have started this academic year with the launch of *ClassCharts*. This is an online system which will be used by staff to set homework, award positive and negative behaviour points and create seating plans. It will help us to:

- monitor all aspects of learning and community behaviours more effectively;
- take responsive action where negative patterns of behaviour become apparent;
- recognise and reward positive learning and community behaviours;
- enable more effective monitoring of homework setting and completion.

We are taking a staged approach to the roll out of this system so that we can embed it successfully. This means that we will gradually introduce different features that will enhance what we do at Ansford and enable more effective home-school communication about these different aspects of school life.

### Parent/Carer Accounts in ClassCharts

Week commencing the 10th October we will issue login codes for parents/carers via letter which will be given to students. If you have any issues logging in or do not receive your letter by Friday 14th October please contact [elizabeth.morgan@ansford.net](mailto:elizabeth.morgan@ansford.net).

### Student Accounts in ClassCharts

Students have been issued with a unique code that enables them to log in to *ClassCharts* to see their homework and reward points. If your child is struggling to log onto *ClassCharts* please ask them to speak to their tutor in the first instance.

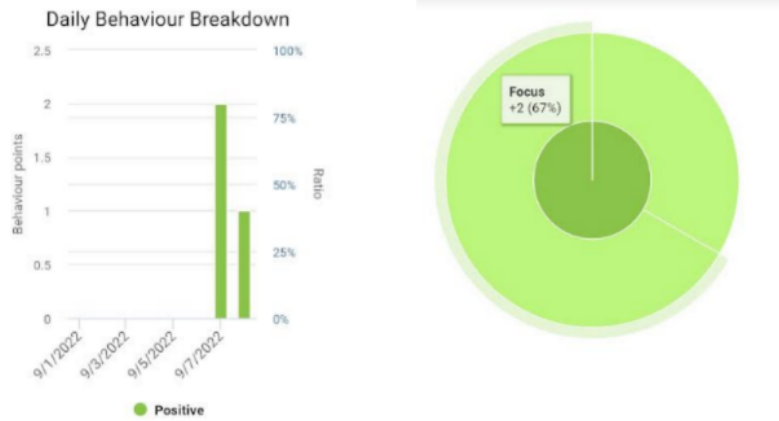
### Viewing Homework

All students in Key Stage 3 and 4 will be set homework/independent tasks on a regular basis. One of the functions of *ClassCharts* is to enable these tasks to be shared with the student, and in time parents and carers, electronically. An example of this is illustrated in the visuals below.

Monday 5 Sep	Tuesday 6 Sep	Wednesday 7 Sep	Thursday 8 Sep	Friday 9 Sep	Saturday 10 Sep	Sunday 11 Sep
				11:00 Classwork Mr J. Knight		10:00 Spanish Mrs J. Knight
				12:00 Spanish Mr J. Knight		11:00 Spanish Mrs J. Knight
				13:00 Maths Mrs J. Knight		12:00 Spanish Mrs J. Knight
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### Viewing Positive Behaviour (Reward) Points

Information about reward points is accessed through the behaviour tab and is presented in the form of two graphs. You can see these in the example below.



The bar graph shows how many positive points have been awarded on a daily basis during the time frame selected and the pie chart shows the different types of positive behaviours during the same period. Beneath the graphs, you will find an activity feed that gives more details about the positive behaviours that have been rewarded.

Due to our gradual roll out, parents and students will only see their positive behaviour points at the moment. The absence of negative points on the graphs does not mean that your child has not received any negative behaviour points. We will be tracking and monitoring negative behaviour points and, if we are concerned about patterns of behaviour, members of our pastoral teams will contact you to discuss this. In the future, both students and parents/carers will be able to view both positive and negative points and we will let you know when we begin this next phase of roll out.

The *ClassCharts* platform does offer many additional functions which we plan to explore and introduce over time. Our current priority is to ensure that all staff and students are making good use of the elements that we have launched for term 1: the use of classroom seating plans; the setting and monitoring of homework; the issuing of reward points.

### Recognition and Reward Week

Following feedback from students last academic year, we are trialling our new Recognition and Reward Weeks which will take place in the last week before half term. Each year group will have recognition assemblies, where Heads of Year will give out certificates to students in their year group that have made a positive contribution this term. There will also be a series of rewards to access: ranging from inflatables in the sports hall one lunchtime to stationery. Students can choose their rewards in the online Reward Shop in *ClassCharts* by using the positive points they have earned this term or they can save their points until next term. Deadline for orders is midday on Friday 14th October.





**MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES CLUBS IN WS1 LUNCH 13.50-14.20**  
 French KS3 Wednesday week 1  
 Spanish KS3 Wednesday week 2  
 French KS4 Thursday week 1-2  
 Thanks to come along and enjoy cooking, games, films, food tasting music, crafts.... Bring your lunch.  
 Merci Adios NK

Extra-curricular activities

Mathematics and Computing		Autumn 2022	
Your weekly timetable of extra-curricular activities			
	Tutor Time 09.00 – 09.20	Lunchtime 13.45 – 14.30	After School 15.30 – 16.30
Monday	Numeracy Mentors Ms Buckley MA2	KS3 Homework Club Mrs Withers MA5 (Wk 1)	NO CLUBS – STAFF MEETINGS
Tuesday	Numeracy Mentors Ms Buckley MA2	Sudoku Club Mrs Withers MA5 (Wk 2)	Minecraft Club Miss Worthy-Jarvis IT1
Wednesday	Numeracy Mentors Ms Buckley MA2	Maths Logic Challenge Mrs Piper MA4	
Thursday	Numeracy Mentors Ms Buckley MA2	Higher Paper Drop-In Session in MA3 with Ms Harris and Mr Musson	Year 11 GCSE Maths Intervention/Revision and Support Foundation Paper in MA5 with Mrs Withers and Mrs Piper Higher Paper in MA3 with Ms Harris and Mr Musson (please check the calendar)
Friday	Numeracy Mentors Ms Buckley MA2	KS3 Games and Chess Club Mr Wong in MA2 Drop in to The Learning Bridge with Ms Buckley	

**From Mrs Wood  
PE Department**

**Autumn Interform**

Each year group is allocated one period on Tuesday 18th October where they will compete against the other tutor groups in their year group. Students can sign up to the activity that they want to participate in with their tutor. For Autumn Interform, the choices are: hockey, football and badminton. Hockey and football will happen on the grass and so it is advised that students have football boots and shin pads.

The expectation is that every student chooses one of the activities to participate in, so all students will need to bring their PE kit on this day. Any student who does not have their PE kit will be taken to a classroom by a free member of staff and will be expected to complete independent work.

**Somerset Junior Badminton Championships**

Some Ansford players competed at the Somerset Junior Badminton Championships over the weekend of 24th September. A number of our students were successful in the following categories:

- Under 17 Girls' singles champion
- Under 19 Girls' doubles champion
- Under 15 Boys' singles runner up

A former student also won the U19 singles and mixed doubles. Congratulations and well done to everyone who took part.

**Somerset County Rugby Development Pathway**

Congratulations to a number of our Year 11 students who have been selected for the Somerset county rugby development pathway.

**From Year 11 Team**

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

	<b>Lunchtime (1:45pm - 2:30pm)</b>	<b>After School (3:30pm - 4:30pm)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Spanish:</b> In WS3 with Miss Kenchington	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Art &amp; Photography:</b> In AR1 with Mrs Reddick	<b>Science:</b> In SC1 with Mr Kershaw, Mr Cocks and Miss Mascall <b>PE/Sports Studies:</b> In IT2 with Mrs Wood, Mr Darby and Mr Hill <b>Citizenship:</b> In WS4 with Mr Willson
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Geography:</b> In WS3 with Ms Perkins (2pm -2:30pm)	<b>English:</b> In EN5 with Mr Noott, Mrs Uffendell, Mrs Hardy-Stewart and Ms Mallord

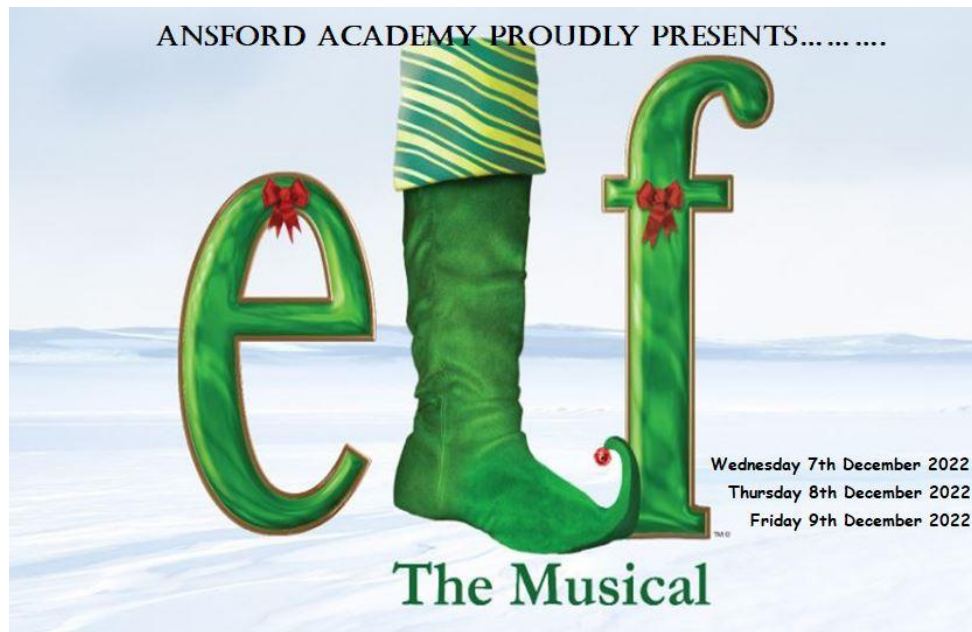


<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Design &amp; Technology:</b> In DT2 with Mr Oats	<b>Maths:</b> Foundation Tier in MA5 with Mrs Withers & Mrs Piper Higher Tier in MA3 with Miss Harris & Mr Musson RE: In WS4 with Mr Willson
<b>Friday</b>	<b>History</b> In WS4 with Miss Harries	

**From Mr Newbury  
Drama Department**

**ELF - The Musical**

Rehearsals are well under way, every Wednesday after school until 5:30pm. Make sure to Save the Date!



**Other Notices**

**Current Staff Vacancies**

<https://www.ansford.org.uk/vacancies>

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