

Bulletin for Ansford Families

Issue 4: 4th November 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families

First of all, I would like to apologise as this edition of the Family Bulletin was due for publication just before the half term break. However, due to staffing absences, we had to postpone this edition until our return to school this week. We have had significant staff absence both the week before half term and our first week of return so I would also like to apologise if we have not been able to respond to queries as quickly as usual and if your child has experienced a number of cover lessons as a result of teacher absence.

We were sad to say some farewells to staff at the end of the half term. Firstly to Mrs Barham Wingrove who had only been with us for a short time but made a real difference developing some really effective provision for our young people. We will also miss Ms Bird, one of our receptionists, whose calm and professional manner was a real asset to the team. Finally, we said a temporary farewell to Mrs King and Miss Harries who both started their maternity leave at the start of this week. I am sure that you will join me in wishing all of these staff the very best in their next steps.

We are welcoming Mr Higgins to the role of Pastoral Lead: Behaviour Intervention and Support; he joins us with a wealth of experience working with young people and their families in different schools and roles in the local area. Mr Antoine, who has been working alongside Miss Harries since the start of the academic year, will be covering her maternity leave and Ms Hirst will be the full time Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Headteacher: Welfare and Inclusion during Mrs King's time away from school.

As usual, we have had a busy start to term and there are a number of events approaching or in the planning stages. We are looking forward to welcoming Year 11 parents and carers into school this week for the first parents' evening of this academic year. Mr Musson will be gathering your views, via a short survey, about how we conduct our other parents' evenings this year and whether we choose a fully face to face model, a fully virtual model or a hybrid model with a mix of face to face and virtual during the time that your child is with us.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

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 November	Event	Location Timing	Staff Contact
1	Tuesday 8th	Year 10 Somerset Careers Fair	Leaving the Academy at the end of P1 and returning in time for P4.	Ms Mallord/Mrs Watson
1	Wednesday 9th	Year 11 Strode College Taster Day	Leaving the Academy at the beginning of the school day and will arrive back in time for the end of the day.	Mr Hill/Mrs Watson
1	Thursday 10th	Year 11 Parents' Evening Bookings via the Parents Evening link on the Academy website	Ansford Face to Face 4:15pm - 7:15pm	Mr Musson/Mr Hill
2	Wednesday 16th	Year 11 Mock Interview Day	9:15am - 11:15am To be held in PA2	Mr Musson/ Mrs Watson
2	Friday 18th	Inset Day 4: Academy Closed to students		

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Regular Notices

From Mrs Comyns Business Manager

Safest Location for pick up by families at the end of the school day

Families are asked to park and wait for students at the end of the day in the car park at Caryford Hall. This is the hall opposite the school site and not the sports centre. Students meeting parents will therefore exit via the gate near the car park and this keeps them away from the traffic on the front drive and also within the staff car park. Parents are asked not to use the staff car park to wait or to block Maggs Lane.

From The Safeguarding Department

Safeguarding News

Please find [here the](#) newsletter from Ms Hirst, Deputy Head Teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead.

From SEND News

Homework Support Club

Struggling to get homework completed? Need help with a particular piece of homework? We will be offering a Homework Support Club in the Intervention Room from 8.50 - 9.20. Ansford's amazing teaching assistants will be on hand to support you with your homework and there might even be a cup of tea and a biscuit available! No need to book, just come along to the Intervention Room.

From Mr Musson

Year 11 Parents' Evening: 10th November

Due to the significance of the Year 11 Parents Evening this will be hosted in person at Ansford Academy. Bookings are available via the Academy website.

Letter to Year 11 Families

Please find [here the](#) letter that was sent to Year 11 families earlier this week.

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From Assembly Themes

7th - 11th November	World Science Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">● An introduction to the global STEM event● Exploring examples of how science is helping to overcome global issues / challenges● Exploring Post 16 / 18 options Exploring careers in science / green sectors	Mr Kershaw
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[World Science Day](#) (10 November)

Remembrance Day (11 November)

14th - 18th November	My Future Self <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Understanding the importance of planning for the future● An introduction to the 3 main post 16 routes [A-Levels / T-Levels / Apprenticeships]● The importance of participation in enrichment to develop a strong CV Being able to identify your own skills / talents	Heads of Year
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[Children in Need](#) (18 November)

21st - 25th November	Ethos - Determination and Resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Exploring the importance of these key skills● Understanding that great outcomes require lots of personal grit / sacrifice An introduction to positive growth mindset and how this can be applied to their own lives.	Mr Mitchell
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[Disability History Month](#) (begins 22 November)

From Ms Fulton

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First Aid Administrator

Vaccination Programme

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

From Mrs Watson

Careers Updates

Please find [here](#) an update from Mrs Watson.

From Mr Cue

Lyme Regis Trip



Year 10 Geography students have visited Lyme Regis this term to investigate the impact of coastal management in the area. Students had to look at 5 different locations along the beach, measuring their beach profile and pebble size and angularity. The students will use their coursework findings to analyse the success of the coastal management strategies at Lyme Regis.



From Modern Foreign Languages Department

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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




From Maths and Computer Department

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	

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**From Mr Kershaw
Science Department**

Year 11 Science Revision

Please find [here](#) a copy of the letter that has been sent to Year 11 families.

From Mrs Swallow

Year 10 Art Trip

Just before half term, Year 10 Art students took a trip to Hauser and Wirth in Bruton to take part in the International Big Draw festival. They took on a variety of different drawing challenges taking inspiration from their surroundings and artists: Fabian Peak and Louise Bourgeois. The students were amazing and were a real credit to Ansford Academy.



From 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	English: In EN5 with Mr Noott, Mrs Uffendell,

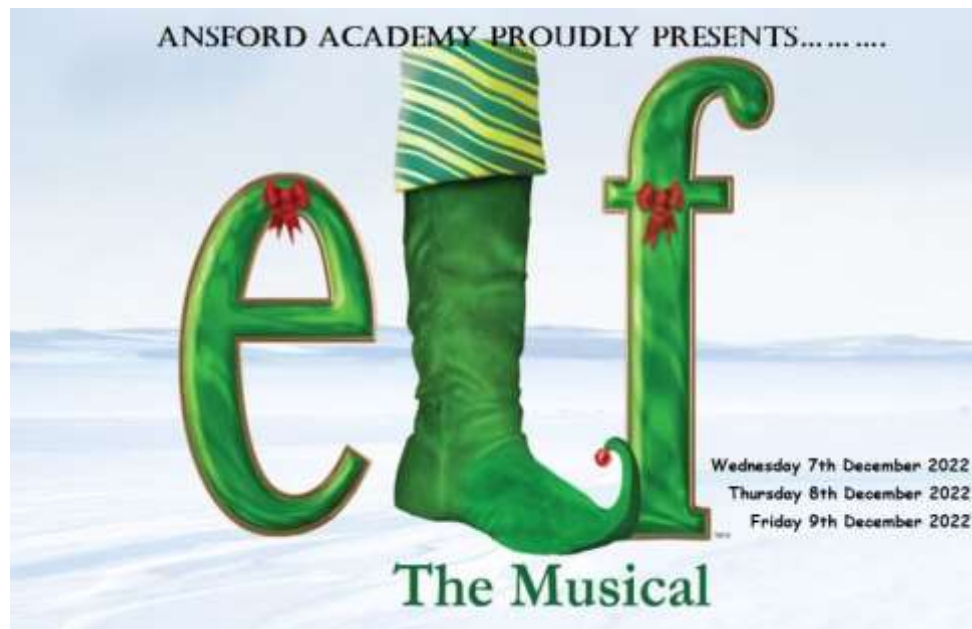
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	(2pm -2:30pm)	Mrs Hardy-Stewart and Ms Mallord
Thursday	Design & Technology: In DT2 with Mr Oats	Maths: Foundation Tier in MA5 with Mrs Withers & Mrs Piper Higher Tier in MA3 with Miss Harris & Mr Musson RE: In WS4 with Mr Willson
Friday	History In WS4 with Miss Harries	

From Mr Newbury
Drama Department

ELF - The Musical



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Current Staff Vacancies

Governor Vacancy



Would you like to shape the future of our thriving academy?

Vacancies have arisen for a Parent Governor on the governing body.

Becoming a school governor is a rewarding and challenging role and will allow you the opportunity to use your skills and attributes to have a positive impact on the education of all the students in our school. Governors work closely together and play a vital role in the strategic direction of the school, working with the Principal and other senior members of staff to ensure that each of our students can reach their potential and be the best they can be. You will be able to develop and learn new skills in a board-level environment, take on different challenges and work as part of an established and successful Governing Board.

Governors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and the welfare of its students, together with the time, energy and willingness to get involved. As well as attending Full Board meetings, attendance at committee meetings is also required. The frequency of meetings, and therefore the time commitment, has recently been reduced.

We are particularly interested in self-nominations and expressions of interest from individuals with experience and skills in the following areas:

- Finance
- Leadership

Contacting Us

If you are interested in becoming a governor and would like further information please contact our Clerk clerk.governors@ansford.net

Do you have the time
and skills to be an
examinations
invigilator?

We are seeking to expand our team of invigilators, who work with us on a casual contract basis to support the Examinations Office in the running of internal and external examinations.

For more information and how to apply, see the vacancies page on our website:

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

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