

STUDENT & PARENT/CARER NEWSLETTER

December 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As the Christmas break approaches, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a successful and positive Autumn Term at The Axholme Academy.

The energy, focus, and enthusiasm displayed by our students and staff has been excellent, and I am incredibly proud of the way our entire community has worked together. Thanks go to our wonderful students who have put this newsletter together working with Mrs Carter.

This term we have experienced profound sadness through the sudden passing of members of our community. Chloe Overfield was an exceptional and much loved and respected former student and her loss has been felt deeply by us all. Our thoughts, sympathies and support continue to go out to Chloe's family and friends and also to other families who have recently experienced bereavement.

Able to Learn Success and Growth This term, we have seen continued growth in learning across all year groups. In November the Academy had a review of our Quality of Education through 'Challenge Partners'. The review team consisted of four senior leaders from schools and Academies across the country and a lead reviewer who has undertaken reviews at over 400 schools in England. The review team looked at Learning and Teaching across the whole Academy, looking at the quality of what our staff work tirelessly and expertly to provide and also student engagement with our Able to Learn approaches. The team commented:

- *"Teachers exhibit strong subject and pedagogical knowledge, resulting in high quality teaching and learning. They generate a positive classroom environment in which students enjoy their learning."*
- *"In all classrooms, high levels of engagement and positive attitudes to learning are the norm. The strategies that leaders have introduced to motivate students to*

learn have had measurable success. Students are immersed in their learning and make a valuable contribution in class.”

Ready to Learn, Community & Ethos The climate within the academy has grown in strength this term.

- **Positive Climate:** The engagement and attitudes of our students have been positive this term and our classrooms are focused, respectful places of learning. This is a testament to the expertise and high expectations upheld by all staff and the maturity and engagement and Readiness to Learn shown by our students.
- **PLEDGE:** Our calendar has been packed with successful events aligned to our wider curriculum PLEDGE, including continued Sporting success, a trip to Parliament and the incredible community spirit and generosity shown during our Sponsored Walk and recent ‘Santa Sprint’. These events enrich our community spirit and demonstrate our core values in action. Please enjoy reading in the Newsletter about what has been happening as part of our wider curriculum within our community.

Attendance Thank you, parents and carers, for prioritising attendance. Our whole Academy attendance figure for the term is an improvement overall on last year. However, we want as many students as possible to achieve positive attendance levels of a minimum of 92% or better to get the most out of every opportunity available. We still have too many students whose attendance is below 90% meaning that over the course of a year 20 or more days or 100 or more hours of learning are being missed. It is proven on a national, local and our own school level that students who have high attendance achieve the best overall outcomes. That is what we all want for our fantastic students. *‘Moments Matter, Attendance Counts’*.

The new year brings fresh opportunities, and we are already excited to see our students return on Tuesday 6th January 2026 to continue their learning journey at the Academy.

On behalf of all the staff I wish you and your families a peaceful, safe, and Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

With best wishes,

Mr Keogh

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

As we come to the end of the autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors. I have been a member of the governing board since March 2022, and during that time I have gained a strong understanding of the Academy's ethos, priorities, and the commitment shown every day by staff and students alike. I am passionate about education and about ensuring that every child is supported to thrive both academically and personally, and I feel very proud to serve this school in a voluntary capacity.

It is a privilege to take on the role of Chair of Governors, and I look forward to working closely with the Principal, staff, fellow governors, and families as we continue to build on the Academy's strengths. On behalf of the governing body, I would like to thank all staff for their hard work and dedication this term, and to thank parents and carers for their ongoing support. I would like to wish all students, families, and staff a very Merry Christmas and a happy, peaceful, and well-earned break, and every good wish for the New Year ahead.

Nicole Fairey

Chair of Governors

Our Top 10 StAR achievers this term:



NEWS

The Axholme Academy Big Camp & Talent Show

The annual Big Camp was a huge success this year once again! You could feel the excitement, joy and happiness in the air! Early morning the smiles already appeared on students' faces as they carried all of their bags for their overnight stay. Everyone was ready for the day (and night) ahead and after what felt like 2 minutes, the fun activities commenced. Over the course of the day all participants were involved in a first aid and art workshop, a water race and orienteering. To end the day many willing students entered a Talent Show judged by some staff. The winner received a prize, a big box of sweets.

Night time arrived, as did the pizzas and hot chocolate and before retiring for the night, the students were entertained around a camp fire with songs and music led by Mr Wayne. The atmosphere was amazing and everyone had such fun. A massive thanks to Miss Leigh for arranging a perfect start for the new Year 7 students.



Year 11 Field Trip

Wednesday 17th September saw another annual trip - this time the Year 11 Geography students visited Hornsea as part of their GCSE. They were out and about in blustery conditions gathering information to find out if theoretical geography works in practice and asking the public questions about the regeneration of this seaside town. An enjoyable day was had by all, made better with fish and chips, ice cream and a trip to the amusement arcade.



as1one

As part of our continued support of the CS drop down lessons, a band called as1one visited us in school. All students in KS3 and Year 10 were invited to this concert. They came to give an informed talk about mental health, discrimination and diversity as well as a live Q&A session. Students particularly loved meeting the band and getting signed cards.



KS4 Sports Studies Trip



Sponsored Walk/Macmillan Coffee Morning

The annual sponsored walk took place on Friday 26th September around Crowle. Students and staff took part on the usual route planned by Miss Harrison. Despite it being a cold and chilly day, we departed school for a calm and relaxing walk. On our return students were able to go into the Macmillan coffee morning which had been taking place during our walk for our community or grab themselves an ice cream; there were certainly some long queues despite the weather.



Pumpkin Carving

8I and Garry, our newest addition to the catering staff, enjoyed a real treat in the run up to Halloween. Not only did Gary go all out with the decorations in the diner and the weekly menu, he also got involved in pumpkin carving with these year 8 students. A big thank you to Rockscape, as they gifted the pumpkins, but this group of students had a brilliant time creating scary pumpkin faces. We're not sure who enjoyed themselves more, 8I or Garry!



UK Parliament trip

45 students were lucky enough to visit the Houses of Parliament for an educational workshop and tour in October. This was then followed by lunch and some sightseeing and shopping in our capital, London. It was a very early start for all concerned but in spite of this, everyone had an amazing day out and got to sample a little of our capital city and the heart of Parliament.



Rewards

Once again our half termly rewards programme kicked off at the end of October. This half term eligible students were able to sign up to films, football, table tennis, board games and gaming activities. For the end of term, Year 11 students have been offered the opportunity of Christmas shopping at Meadowhall and other year groups to go to the cinema or bowling as their choice of activity on the last day of term, or stay in school for more in-school rewards.



Alongside these, a new half termly reward has been established to further increase the attendance of our students at the academy. Winning river groups across all years were invited, along with their form tutor, for a well-deserved breakfast in the diner during the first week back after half term. This is now a date for the calendar at the start of each half term, something more to look forward to and celebrate.

Remembrance Sunday

Our Head students stepped out on Remembrance Sunday to lay poppy wreaths in both Ealand and Crowle. Each year the town council asks us to commemorate this important event and we are always proud to attend. Thanks to our Head Students for willingly giving up their time.



White Ribbon Event



Santa Sprint - We raised £1519



New staff

This term we warmly welcomed 3 new members of staff to the academy. Here's a little about each one:

Mr Mills

Mr Mills joined us from another school. He chose to become a teacher to help young people and to have a better understanding of ICT and computing because when he did it as a job he thought it was cool. Mr Mills worked at McDonalds as his first job and has worked with famous sporting players at a football stadium. If Mr Mills wasn't a teacher he would like to be a rollercoaster reviewer. Good for us he decided to become a teacher instead and join us to be our new Head of Technology, teaching ICT and Business.

Miss Sowerby

Miss Sowerby is new to the profession. She always wanted to become a teacher since it runs in her family. Miss Sowerby's first job was in a salon then she moved to Tesco after she left there. Her claim to fame is that she went to school with an influencer. If Miss Sowerby wasn't a teacher she would likely work in a bakery. Another great addition to the academy, teaching History. Our gain is the baking industry's loss!

Mr Knowles

Mr Knowles was looking for a change in career and has landed here teaching French. His first job was in Quiksave. His claim to fame is that he went to school with a rugby manager and he has played football against Robbie Fowler (Liverpool). If Mr Knowles wasn't a teacher then he would be a pilot. At least he's steering us all along well in the MFL department.

Friday Club Fun

Flame Testing in Mr. Liddle's club, crazy cool stuff was happening! ✨

We're talkin' flames, danger, and a whole lot of 'what could possibly go wrong?'

Kidding' - all was well !!!

Students were just igniting innovation 🔥 Here are a few moments we captured of their curiosity!



TIARA Pledge Activities Outside of School

Students are now able to log things they do outside of school: here are a few of the recent shares

Freya the Dancer!

BALLROOM & LATIN DANCING
Y8 FREYA H. RECENTLY COMPETED IN THE
ABD GRAND FINALS, WHERE SHE PLACED 8 TIMES IN THE TOP 3.
CONGRATULATIONS FREYA














Heidi & Scarlett G.

FILMED FOR A FEATURE FILM
(HORROR)



PARTICIPATED IN A
DANCE COMPETITION



Harry Whitehouse

DRUM LESSONS
CURRENTLY
WORKING ON GRADE 4
DRUMS. PASSED
GRADE 3 IN JUNE 2025
WITH A MERIT.



STRIKER IN KEADBY
WARRIORS U13S
WAS VOTED PLAYER'S
PLAYER OF THE
SEASON 2024-25

Sporting Triumphs

Keep track of all of our sporting fixtures, tries, triumphs and trophies on our [Twitter Page](#)

Absolutely incredible achievement from Jack C leading from the front for the whole race and ending in a sprint finish to become Junior Boys CHAMPION in the North Lincolnshire Cross Country!!
Good luck in the Humberside Round in January!

Huge congratulations to Georgie A. who managed to secure 3rd place overall in the Minor Girls Cross Country

YOU MAKE US PROUD!

TEAM AXHOLME NETBALL

GOALS FROM
EADIE
DARCY
LACEY
POTM - POPPY



Y7 GIRLS

FOOTBALL

U13 GIRLS EFL UTILITA CUP

1ST TIME PLAYING TOGETHER AS A TEAM,
QUALIFIED FROM THE GROUP STAGES AND LOST
ON PENALITES IN THE QRTR FINALS, AFTER WHAT
WAS THEIR BEST PERFORMANCE OF THE DAY.

WELL DONE GIRLS



BADMINTON Y8 & Y9

SOME GREAT BADMINTON ON DISPLAY
WITH OUR Y8 & Y9 TEAMS AT
OUTWOODFOXHILLS
FOR A PLACE IN THE FINALS. Y8S GAINED
LOADS OF EXPERIENCE COMPETING
AGAINST MORE EXPERIENCED PLAYERS



Y9S WENT UNBEATEN TO
QUALIFY FOR THE FINALS

WELL DONE



Last week our two Year 7 Netball teams played four friendlies against two teams from @GooleAcademyPE, they all improved so much over the session and managed to win three matches and draw one!!

