



ASH MANOR SCHOOL

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To Parents/Carers of Year 7 students

24th August 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

We are almost at the start of the new academic year and Summer School has been a real success. The students have grown in confidence throughout the week and it has been lovely to watch them make friends and interact with the student mentors. I look forward to them formally joining us soon.

Those of you who live close to the school will have noticed the rapid progress of the new Art/DT building. The basic structure is now in place and work is proceeding rapidly. We are on course to open the building in mid-November and are really looking forward to the increased educational options it will bring.

Today our Class of 2023 collected their examination results amid great celebration – we really are very proud of them all.

As always in Ash Manor School, the biggest impact we see is due to the attendance of the students.

It is important that you are aware of the following data from Ash Manor School's Class of 2023:

- Attendance of 95% or above
 - In English, 43% gained a grade 7 or better, 93% gained a grade 5 or better and 98% gained a grade 4 or better
 - In Maths, 40% gained a grade 7 or better, 78% gained a grade 5 or better and 98% gained a grade 4 or better
 - The average grade for all exams was a grade 6
- Attendance from 90 – 95%
 - In English, 25% gained a grade 7 or better, 75% gained a grade 5 or better and 89% gained a grade 4 or better
 - In Maths, 31% gained a grade 7 or better, 68% gained a grade 5 or better and 85% gained a grade 4 or better
 - The average grade for all exams was a grade 5
- Attendance less than 90%
 - In English, 6% gained a grade 7 or better, 45% gained a grade 5 or better and 60% gained a grade 4 or better
 - In Maths, 8% gained a grade 7 or better, 34% gained a grade 5 or better and 50% gained a grade 4 or better
 - The average grade for all exams was a grade 3

These figures exemplify how very vital excellent attendance is, so I implore all of you to work with us to maximise your child's attendance and hence support them to make the very best progress possible.

School begins on Monday 4th September for Year 7 students only and they should make their way into the main hall and sit in their tutor group rows ready for an 8:35 start.

There will be a range of extra-curricular clubs starting again in September and I encourage all students to get involved in some of these activities. Freshers' Fair is on Wednesday 6th September at 3:30pm in the main hall when the clubs will all be available and Year 7 students can sign up for those they want to attend. You are invited to attend with your child, but if you are not available please encourage your child to attend on their own.

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The uniform guidelines have been sent along with this letter and I ask that you check these carefully to ensure that any item you buy complies with school requirements. In particular, please be aware of the need to comply with the regulations concerning piercings, nails and hair colours to ensure that we get the new school year off to a positive start with everyone.

I have listed some key dates so that you can get these in your diary now.

There will be some changes in the discipline policy from September that I would like to make you aware of ahead of the new term. I know that many families are new to Ash Manor and will not be aware of the previous system, but I am also aware that many of you have had older children through the school. It is understandable that you would assume that things are exactly as they used to be and I would rather avoid issues that could arise from that assumption.

Firstly, we have simplified the detention system. Most parents will feel no impact as the great majority of our students rarely have to do a detention. However, sanctions are required to ensure that we operate an effective school and we are moving to a centralised detention system, with all detentions to be done on the day following the issue of the behaviour point. Each detention will be one hour long and if a student receives two behaviour points in a single day, which very few children do, then they will be required to complete a 2 hour detention the following day. All detentions will be on the Satchel One app so that you can adjust any arrangements to collect your child on the rare occasion that they have to complete a detention.

We also require every student to have the appropriate equipment for school and there will be regular checks made in tutor time. If a student does not have the correct equipment then a behaviour point and a detention will be issued. The equipment list is attached to this letter and some school supplies can be purchased at student reception if required. In particular I ask that you note that every student must have a school bag to enable them to bring the required books and equipment to school. Since everyone should have access to their Knowledge Organiser in every class, a school bag is imperative. Within the school bag, we also recommend every student has a refillable water bottle to enable them to easily stay hydrated throughout the day.

We will continue to operate a loan system for the few occasions that a student does not have the correct uniform, but there will be sanctions applied to the small number of students who persistently come to school without their full uniform. If there is an issue with the uniform at home, please contact your child's Head of House so that we can assist you to resolve the problem and prevent a sanction being applied.

The full discipline policy can be viewed by using the link:

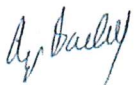
https://www.ashmanorschool.com/uploads/1/0/3/6/103623792/behaviour_for_learning_policy_july_2023.pdf

I would like to ask for your support in ensuring that we are considerate of our neighbours at all times, but particularly at the start and end of the school day. We have 1160 students on roll and although the majority walk or cycle to and from school, we still have a large amount of traffic around the school at these times. Please be thoughtful when parking and ensure that our neighbours can enter and leave their properties easily.

I hope that your children are all looking forward to joining us in Ash Manor School.

I look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that your child has an excellent year and makes the very best progress possible.

Yours sincerely



Ms A Bailey
Headteacher

Tutor Groups 2022/23

Galileo			Galileo		
HOH – Mrs Ward			AHOH – MsFletcher		
Tutor Group	Tutor	Tutor Base	Tutor Group	Tutor	Tutor Base
7G1	Ms Bostock	003	7G2	Ms Gaskin	110
8G1	Ms Palmer	020	8G2	Ms Dunn & Ms Jackson	009
9G1	Mr Evans	112	9G2	Ms Chelaghma	012
10G1	Mr Forisky	040	10G2	Capt Johnson	051
11G1	Mr Hicks	005	11G2	Mr Perez	063
Phoenix			Phoenix		
HOH – Ms Pargetor			AHOH – Mr Greensmith		
Tutor Group	Tutor	Tutor Base	Tutor Group	Tutor	Tutor Base
7P1	Ms Guitierrez	140	7P2	Mr Lankshear	162
8P1	Ms Clark	101	8P2	Mr J Raby	109
9P1	Ms Barot	050	9P2	Ms Hales & Mr Lintott	007
10P1	Ms Sanders	122	10P2	Ms J Ford	010
11P1	Mr Coomber	142	11P2	Ms Whitfield	121
Sparta			Sparta		
HOH – Ms Ewart			AHOH – Mr Pegg		
Tutor Group	Tutor	Tutor Base	Tutor Group	Tutor	Tutor Base
7S1	Mr Knox	011	7S2	Ms Morris	008
8S1	Ms MJenkins	032	8S2	Ms L Awan	023
9S1	Mr Rutter	006	9S2	Ms J Harwood	141
10S1	Mr Jones	030	10S2	Mr Roseveare	124
11S1	Mr Carter	161	11S2	Ms Maddison	034
Venture			Venture		
HOH - N Woodroffe			AHOH - Ms Daya		
Tutor Group	Tutor	Tutor Base	Tutor Group	Tutor	Tutor Base
7V1	Ms Stewart Jackson	025	7V2	Ms Merry	035
8V1	Ms MacAuley	111	8V2	Ms I Woodgate	105
9V1	Ms Anthoney & Ms Moore	022	9V2	Mr M Khara	100
10V1	Ms F Clarke	033	10V2	Ms Trickett & Ms Lewis	104
11V1	Ms Draycott	064	11V2	Ms Worboys	106
Hypatia			Hypatia		
HOH – Mr O'Keefe			AHOH –		
Tutor Group	Tutor	Tutor Base	Tutor Group	Tutor	Tutor Base
7H1	Ms Wey	021	7H2	Ms Brown	004
8H1	Ms Taylor	041	8H2	Ms Griffiths & Ms Warrington	123
9H1	Ms Owen & Mr Rooney	024	9H2	Ms Clements	125
10H1	Mr Hill	120	10H2	Mr Scott	107

Equipment

Students must come to school prepared and ready to learn.

Possession of the following items is required and essential:

- school bag
- scientific calculator*
- knowledge organiser (provided by the school)
- black pen
- green pen
- pencil
- ruler
- glue stick

The following items are required when directed by the teacher:

- protractor
- a pair of compasses

*A recommended scientific calculator can be ordered through the school, engraved with your child's name and the school logo.

Term and key dates - Autumn Term 2023-24

01/09/2023	INSET day - school closed to students
04/09/2023	Year 7 students in school, closed to other years
05/09/2023	All students back in school
06/09/2023	Year 7 Freshers' Fair - 3:30pm
06/09/2023	Year 11 Geography Field Trip Meeting - 6pm
9/9/23, 10/9/23	CCF Sailing at Hawley Lake
15/9/23 - 17/9/23	Year 11 Geography GCSE Fieldwork
19/9/23, 20/9/23	School photos
19/09/2023	Helping your child manage anxiety - session in school
22/09/2023	Eco Club Fair 3:15 - 4:30
27/09/2023	Open Evening - school closes at 12:30
28/09/2023	Late opening - school opens 10:30
29/09/2023	PD Day 1
03/10/2023	GCSE Cycling
03/10/2023	Senior Maths Challenge
04/10/2023	Textiles trip to London Aquarium
05/10/2023	Year 11 College Evening - 6pm
05/10/2023	GCSE cycling
6/10/23 - 8/10/23	CCF Navy Training
11/10/23 - 3/11/23	Year 11 Pre-public exams
20/10/2023	Year 7 Settling in reports issued
23/10/23 - 27/10/23	Half term break
08/11/2023	Flu vaccinations
10/11/2023	Year 11 - Macbeth - in school
16/11/2023	House Dance
24/11/2023	Year 11 reports issued
30/11/2023	Year 11 Parents' Evening
08/12/2023	Years 7, 8, 9 reports issued
8/12/23 - 13/12/23	Year 10 Exams
9/12/23 - 13/12/23	Year 11 Immersion Days
14/12/2023	Christmas Concert
15/12/2023	Early closure - 12:30 - start of Christmas break

Exam Timetables are on the website for all exams including the practical exams that are taken in school. These can be found at:

<https://www.ashmanorschool.com/assessment-and-examinations.html>

Other key dates for Year 11:

Health and Social Care Exam – 10/01/2024

Prom – Thursday 20th June

Ash Manor School

UNIFORM

Uniform	PE Kit
<p>The following items of uniform are compulsory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blazer (Black with blue braid and Ash Manor logo) only available from the official school suppliers • Long or short sleeve blue shirt, must be tucked in and done up to the collar • House tie only available from the official school suppliers • Polishable back shoes (heels not exceeding 5cm) • Black socks, must be below the knee or black opaque tights (not patterned) – socks or tights must always be worn <p>Students must choose from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black trousers with AMS embroidery only available from the official school suppliers • Black skirt with AMS embroidery only available from the official school suppliers • Black shorts with AMS embroidery only available from the official school suppliers <p>The following items are optional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumper (Black with blue trim) only available from the official school suppliers • Outdoor coat (no hoodies or tracksuit tops) • Plain black belt with plain, non-branded buckle • Sports trainers (only to be worn for PE lessons or for games activities at break-times only) 	<p>The following items of PE kit are compulsory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vapour polo shirt • Milan shorts • Sports Trainers / Football Boots • Coolmax Socks • Sports Trainers are required for all PE lessons and must be suitable for indoor as well as outdoor work. They must be of a design that offers proper support to the feet. Thin canvas footwear such as ‘Converse’ boots offer no support or protection and should not be worn. All trainers must be of a type that can be securely tied for safety • Football Boots – these need to have rounded plastic moulded students to be used on the 3G pitch (these can be worn for any activity on the 3G pitch) <p>The following items are optional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shinpads are recommended to be worn for football • Gumshields are recommended to be worn for rugby • White sports socks (optional for summer term) • Falcon – Navy with white piping Training Tracksuit Bottoms (optional) • Falcon ¼ zip Navy and white piping Training Mid Layer (optional) • Cuatro Fleece (optional) • Skort (optional) • Skins/Baselayer or sports thermals (optional but recommended) • Pro-tec Rugby top (optional but recommended) • Towel (optional)
<p><u>Jewellery / Make-Up / Tattoos</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewellery should not be worn in school, other than an inexpensive watch, one signet ring and one small stud in each lobe. 	

- Nose rings/studs, tongue studs, eye-brow studs or any visible body piercings are unacceptable
- No responsibility is accepted for jewellery which is lost or stolen and no jewellery can be worn during practical lessons and PE. The taping of earrings or other piercings is not permissible.
- Clear nail varnish only is acceptable. No false / acrylic / gel nails are permitted.
- Make up of any type should be natural and inconspicuous
- No tattoos are allowed in accordance with the Tattooing of Minors Act 1969

Hairstyles

- Hair has to be tied off the shoulders when required for safety reasons
- No extreme hairstyles-including lurid, unnatural or extreme colouring etc, are permitted
- Hair cuts should be suitable for a professional work environment
- No tramlines
- Hair accessories must be black
- Hijabs must be black

Outdoor Weather

- Students should wear suitable outdoor wear in inclement weather
- No hoodies or sweatshirts are permitted

Mobile Phones / Headphones

- Electronic devices, including mobile phones and headphones, etc., may only be used during non-lesson time, unless directed to do so by a teacher – items will be confiscated if used inappropriately. If items are brought into school, the school will not take the responsibility for their safety or security.
- Any confiscated student items can be collected at the end of the school day from the Finance Office

Uniform should be bought from our authorised suppliers:

LinkUP Ltd, Unit J Holder Road, Aldershot,
Hampshire, GU12 4RH Tel: 01252 343127, Email:
admin@linkupltd.com

Phoenix of Ash Ltd,
3 The Courtyard, 248 Shawfield Road, Ash Vale,
Surrey, GU12 5DJ Tel: 01252 377519