

Acorn Park School



Newsletter



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Acorn Park - Weekly Roundup

Good afternoon everyone,

This week has been a busy one, which of course is to be expected with the end of term looming!

Those students in Tolkien class will have taken their options booklets home to discuss what they would like to study before choices are made in school -exciting times!

Our formal students joining 6th form or maintaining 6th form placement will be invited for a flightpath meeting before the end of term to ensure we have tailored their curriculum offer to what they hope to achieve next year. This process further supports them to share their aspirations and goals in their annual review -which usually falls within the Autumn term.

Transition Planning -Formal Curriculum pathway:

We have also shared with you as parents any plans for transition from their current form tutor. This is so you have a little time to process this and ask any questions that you might have. We kindly request that you do not share this with students yet, so we can ensure our students find out at roughly the same time, with the appropriate support they may require to manage this. We will be sharing news with formal students on Monday. There will be a planned transition day on Thursday in which their new form tutor will come to see them and drop off a photo /message for them to keep over the summer if they wish to. They will also have the chance to visit their new room if they are moving rooms. They can take any photos they wish to of the space (not other children) to take home and share with their family.

Transition Planning – Semi-Formal Curriculum pathway:

We have minimal movement for pupils in Semi-Formal this year and for those that are moving classrooms you will have been told already. We will share staffing with you next week and on the whole, there are limited changes.

Our year 11 formal students leave for their incredible trip for Amsterdam tomorrow, we hope they have the most incredible time -Bon Voyage!

Acorn Fest Update:

This year we will be selling drinks bottles and cotton bags which proudly show the winning designs for Acorn Fest from our school competition earlier this year. The items were created with support from one of our lovely parents' companies, and we are extremely grateful to them!

The items will be sold for £7 each, and the profit from sales will be re-invested into a school project (to be confirmed). So alongside our incredible Raffle (including flat screen TV's and vouchers for a range of establishments) we would like you to remember to bring some pennies along so you purchase tickets and items as you desire.

The Student led Café that you have all heard so much about will also be open offering cakes and drinks for a small donation.

Families will be invited to collect lunch from 11:45-12:45 to then eat outside in the sun (hopefully!)

If you haven't done so already, please confirm your intention to attend Acorn Fest here -

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=o-nYHFmZR06qblPiYvEEW9UaEINlca9Ek14UQZmHSWBURUVJMVhFWVFXS0tOTE9lQUJKTEtVQ1hCTC4u> If you can't use the link for whatever reason – please call the school directly to confirm.

Sports Day will be on Tuesday 9th July, so please send students in with their PE kit (we have everything crossed for good weather).

Student stars:

Care:

Harry A from Tolkien, for being so kind to others at lunchtimes.

Joe from Sissay for showing kindness to other students by ensuring they aren't left out of games on the playground.

Strive:

Jack J from Zephaniah for completing his college visits with such confidence.

Grow:

Freddie from Zephaniah for his excellent work and social skills when working in the Café, so polite and an asset to the team.

Keyon M for overcoming his fear of using the hob and cooking his pasta and frying his vegetables independently during his cooking session on Tuesday.

Thrive:

Zachary C for following his timetable so well today and sticking to routines.

Daniel T for successfully using his PECS to exchange during play and leisure.

Luca K for going to the sports hall despite his anxiety and taking part in rebound therapy with Kirstie.

Luca engaged well and did an amazing job.

Staff stars

Care:

Hannah C – for thinking ahead to next year and preparing for the best outcomes for Donaldson.

Strive:

Steph C – for using her initiative and liaising with the wider team to support the pupils effectively.

Grow:

Ellese W – For incredible de-escalation skills when a pupil was in frustrated.

Thrive:

Jess T – for passing her Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship with a number of criteria marked as 'above expectations' – fantastic work Jess!

Maths puzzle winners – Adele, Megan, Karen