



Academic Excellence

Developing Character

Raising Aspiration

# MAGAZINE JULY 2024

## MAGAZINE





## Characteristics of Exceptional Learners



### Reasoning

I ask questions about my learning and independently work things out for myself.



### Resilience

When things get challenging, I never give up and learn from my mistakes.



### Responsibility

I choose to do the right thing even when nobody is watching.



### Respect

My behaviour is exceptional. I show respect for all in my community.



### Reflection

I take every opportunity to review and develop my learning and behaviour.

**Work hard, be kind and follow staff instructions - everybody, everyday**



Dear Parents and Carers,

We write to you at the end of what has been another very positive year for the academy.

The last day of term is Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July for students. All year groups will be dismissed at the usual time.

The new school year start dates are detailed on the next page. As always, students will benefit from a staggered return, allowing for a thorough induction back to school.

Year 10 have been provided with revision material from each of their subjects which I would strongly encourage them to complete. It is wise to recap year 10 content during the summer, so they are as prepared as possible for year 11.

From September we are moving our Management Information System from ClassCharts to Bromcom. we will send further information, next academic year, regarding parent and student apps.



We say farewell to some teaching staff, we wish them well for the future and thank them for their valuable contribution and friendship.

We are pleased to report we have appointed several new staff for September, they are all extremely driven and enthused to join us. We are confident everyone will be an incredibly valuable member of the team.

Finally, I would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support throughout the year. I would also like to commend students for their hard work and positivity, it continues to be a great privilege to spend our days with them.

Kindest regards,

Mr Brook  
Headteacher



Miss Rankin  
Head of School





## KEY DATES 2024-2025

### TRAINING/REVIEW DAYS

(staff only)

Monday 02 September 2024  
Tuesday 03 September 2024  
Friday 22 November 2024  
Thursday 30 January 2025  
Friday 31 January 2025  
Friday 14 March 2025  
Thursday 03 July 2025  
Friday 04 July 2025

### FIRST DAY BACK DATES

Year 7 Wednesday 04 September 2024  
Year 8 Friday 06 September 2024  
Year 9 Monday 09 September 2024  
Year 10 Thursday 05 September 2024  
Year 11 Wednesday 04 September 2024

### 2024-25 TERM 1

**Wednesday 4 September 2024 to Friday 25 October 2024**

Holiday: Saturday 26 October 2024 to Sunday 03 November 2024

### 2024-25 TERM 2

**Monday 4 November 2024 to Friday 20 December 2024**

Holiday: Saturday 21 December 2024 to Sunday 05 January 2025

### 2024-25 TERM 3

**Monday 6 January 2025 to Friday 14 February 2025**

Holiday: Saturday 15 February 2025 to Sunday 23 February 2025

### 2024-25 TERM 4

**Monday 24 February 2025 to Friday 4 April 2025**

Holiday: Saturday 5 April 2025 to Sunday 20 April 2025

### 2024-25 TERM 5

**Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Friday 23 May 2025**

Holiday: Saturday 24 May 2025 to Sunday 1 June 2025

### 2024-25 TERM 6

**Monday 2 June 2025 to Friday 18 July 2025**

Holiday: Saturday 19 July 2025 onwards

### BANK HOLIDAYS

Monday 21 April 2025  
Monday 05 May 2025

### PARENTS' EVENING DATES

Year 7	Tuesday 17 September 2024
Year 11	Thursday 05 December 2024
Year 7	Thursday 06 February 2025
Year 10	Thursday 13 February 2025
Year 11	Thursday 20 March 2025
Year 9	Thursday 03 April 2025
Year 8	Thursday 01 May 2025
Year 10	Thursday 10 July 2025



## ATTENDANCE NEW REGULATIONS

Amendments to the rules on unauthorised attendance come into play in August 2024. We would like to make all parents aware of changes that the government are introducing around fines and permitted absences.

The government first announced the new rules back in February, it comes into force in August 2024. The Department for Education say the changes are centred around child welfare.

### **What will the new fines be and what happens if you don't pay?**

Currently the fine is £60, doubled to £120 if you don't pay but from next month the initial fine will raise to £80, doubled to £160 if you don't pay. This is the first time school absence fines have been increased since 2012.

As of August, the new rules will mean that all schools will be legally required to consider a fine once a child has missed five or more school days for unauthorised reasons. Fining parents will no longer just be left up to local authorities.

Initially the fine will be £80. However, if this isn't paid within three weeks (21 days), the fine will be doubled to £160. Parents will be given four weeks (28 days) in total to pay the fine.

### **When ARE children permitted to miss school?**

There are a number of authorised absences whereby a child is permitted to not attend school including sick days as the most common.

Your child may also be absent in exceptional circumstances as long as you let the school know, this includes the death of a family member, attending a funeral, or a crisis at home.

Another reason children may be excused from school is if they are taking part in a religious observance that day.

**ATTENDANCE  
MATTERS.**  
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY





### PROM Y11



The perfect send-off for our Year 11 students



Students also had the opportunity for a pre-prom try on! 😊  
A hugely positive impact on our environment.





## Y10 SPORTS LEADERS



Well done to Y10 Sports Leaders who supported and helped to deliver Old Bank Academy's Sports Day. Old Bank students and staff said you were great!





## A FEW WORDS



Some of our students may wish to get involved with this project, either writing, drawing or crafting – everything is welcome. Students can either write a general uplifting message/drawing.

For more information visit [www.thegive.co.uk](http://www.thegive.co.uk) for a welcome sheet.

**You can hand deliver your letters/handmade creations to any of these collection points across Kirklees- no stamp required**



### **Batley Library**

14 Market Place,  
Batley WF17 5DA

### **Mirfield Library**

Huddersfield Road  
Mirfield WF14 8AN

### **Howlands Centre**

School Street  
Dewsbury WF13 1LD

### **Mail Boxes Etc**

6 Queen St,  
Huddersfield HD1 2SQ

### **HIVE Cafe**

46 John William Street,  
Huddersfield HD1 1ER

### **Tommy's Lounge (Cafe)**

17 Station St,  
Huddersfield HD1 1LS

### **Holmfirth Library**

(1st Floor)  
Huddersfield Road  
Holmfirth HD9 3JH

### **FOCAL (Lindley)**

New Hey Road, Oakes  
Huddersfield HD3 4DD



**Or, you can post them to:**

**Give...A Few Words**  
6 Queen Street  
Huddersfield  
HD1 2SQ

**hello@thegive.co.uk**  
**www.thegive.co.uk**





## LITERACY REWARD

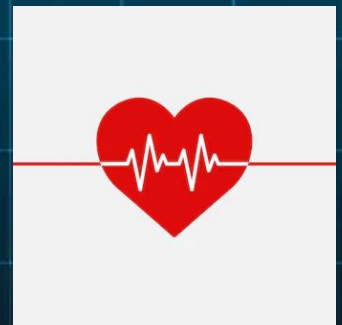


🎉 Celebrating our amazing students who read 14 books this term!  
They all enjoyed a well-deserved Literacy Reward party! 📚 🌟

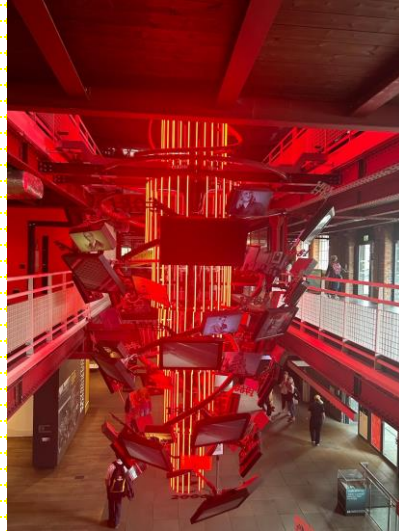
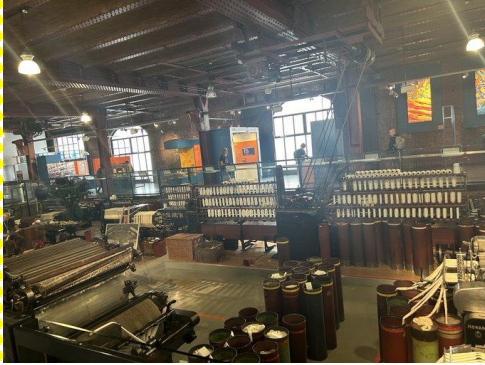
## CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION - CPR

Year 7 students received CPR training on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July from Nurses from Get Set Goal. Get Set Goal is a wellbeing service that forms part of the Health and Wellbeing Academy at the University of Huddersfield.

It is a service that is committed to improving the health and wellness of individuals and communities by helping people to achieve personal goals by making informed and positive lifestyle choices. The training taught them how to perform CPR, covering both the basics and hands-on practice. This initiative aimed to give students important life-saving skills and confidence to handle emergencies.



### C3 EDUCATIONAL VISITS



Students visited Chester Zoo, Hornsea and Manchester's Science and Industry Museum. These experiences bring learning to life, students enjoyed a rich array of activities and hands on experiences.





### CYCLE 3 CELEBRATIONS & REWARDS





## SPEN ATHLETICS EVENT



### Year 7:

Jacob - 1st Place in High Jump (1.3 metres)  
Saarah - 3rd Place in High Jump (1.1 metres)  
Lucas - 3rd Place in 800m (2 mins 41 secs)

### Year 8:

Estee - 1st Place in High Jump (1.25 metres)  
Harley - 1st Place in 100m (12.16 seconds)  
Ollie - 2nd Place in Discus (21.62 metres)

### Year 9:

David - 1st Place in Long Jump (4.62 metres)  
Alfie - 3rd Place in 800m (2 min 26 secs)

### Year 10:

Austin - 1st Place in Long Jump (5.16 metres)  
Grace - 2nd Place in Discus (16.84 metres)  
Austin - 3rd Place in 300m (40.17 seconds)



## Y6 TRANSITION

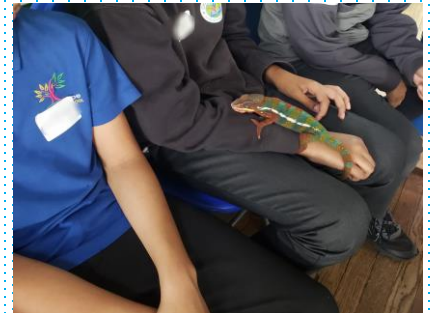


Transition day was a great success. It was a pleasure to witness students' enthusiasm and engagement throughout the day.

Thank you to year 6 parents/carers for your encouragement and involvement which played a crucial role in ensuring an enjoyable transition for your children.

We look forward to welcoming them all back on 4<sup>th</sup> September, on-site by 8:25am for a prompt 8:30 start.

AfL kits and rucksacks will be provided on the 4<sup>th</sup> September.



## ANTI BULLYING AMBASSADORS

Seven Anti-Bullying Ambassadors visited Old Bank students to highlight the importance of their role in fostering a supportive environment



They explained how ambassadors can help ease the transition to secondary school by providing security and community.

The ambassadors discussed the difference between bullying and banter, shared strategies to address bullying, and promoted kindness and open communication. They also discussed these topics with small groups to empower students to seek help and support each other, ensuring a positive and welcoming move to secondary school.



ANTI-  
BULLY  
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FROM THE DIANA AWARD

**We are part of the Mirfield Respect Programme.**



## CAREERS - POST-16

We are pleased to share the success of our recent visit to Kirklees College, where 30 of our students had the opportunity to explore a variety of courses firsthand. This visit provided them with a unique chance to experience college life, engage with instructors, and participate in sample classes across different disciplines. Sessions included Barbering, Business, Esports, Games Design, Hair and Beauty, Public Services, and more. The students returned with a wealth of knowledge and a clearer vision of their potential career paths. The experience has been incredibly beneficial, sparking new interests and boosting their confidence in making future educational decisions. We are committed to continuing such initiatives that enrich our students' academic journeys.



We are thrilled to report the success a recent initiative by The Mirfield Free Grammar, which offered 50 students the invaluable opportunity to experience a day in the life of a 6th form student. This immersive experience allowed our pupils to explore various academic subjects, engage with new teaching styles, and interact with current 6th formers, providing them with a deeper understanding of their future educational options. The feedback from the students has been overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing newfound clarity and enthusiasm about their post-GCSE choices. This event has not only broadened their horizons but also inspired them to aim higher in their academic pursuits.





### CATERING

From September 2024 the cost of the meal deal will increase from £2.65 to £2.75. Other individually sold items will increase in price too. This increase does not impact on students entitled to free school meals.

We understand managing family budgets can be challenging, and we strive to strike a balance between maintaining affordability and offering a high-quality meal service.

We remain committed to providing a balanced and nutritious meal that all our students can enjoy.



**4 ITEMS FOR  
£2.75**

**MEAL DEAL**

**MAIN**  
Hot meal  
Jacket Potato + 1 filling  
Pasta pot + 1 filling  
Sandwich

**FRUIT**  
Apple  
Orange  
Banana

**DESSERT**  
Brownie  
Flapjack  
Cake  
Yoghurt

**DRINK**  
Any choice  
of drink

IMPACT EDUCATION  
CATERING



## UNIFORM

Send outgrown school uniform, shoes and coats to **Uniform Exchange**.

Please donate absolutely ANYTHING a child needs for school – uniform, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, PE kits, tights, shoes, trainers, football boots, pencil cases, math sets ... everything.



**PLEASE HELP UNIFORM EXCHANGE  
DONATE YOUR OLD SCHOOL UNIFORM**

- School Uniform
- School & PE Bags
- Shoes & Trainers

Find your local collection box on our website



## ARE YOU NEEDING UNIFORM FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR?



**We have many good recycled items to give away, order now on our website!**

**>>> Go Green...  
choose to REUSE**



**Uniform Exchange website:**

<https://www.uniform-exchange.org/free-school-uniform/>

Everyone needs a

**Little Help...**

It couldn't be easier to get free school uniform.

Complete the form via the website and **Uniform Exchange** will deliver the uniform to Castle Hall Academy. Anyone can request free school uniform, so it's reused as much as possible and kept out of landfill. Every item is checked for quality and cleanliness so you can be sure all the uniform you request will be in good condition.

Uniform Exchange always aim to provide whatever you need but please be aware it does depend on what they have in stock.



### OPEN EVENING 2024



Part of Impact Education Multi Academy Trust  
Where Hearts & Minds Connect

## CASTLE HALL ACADEMY

*'Pupils are happy and safe here'*

*'This is an ambitious, welcoming and inclusive school.'*

*'Leaders have high expectations for pupils' behaviour and attendance.'*

-Ofsted 2023



## This is a 'Good' school

### OPEN EVENING DATES

Thursday 26th September 2024 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Headteacher's talk 5:00pm and 6:00pm

at Castle Hall Academy, Richard Thorpe Avenue, Mirfield, WF14 9PH.



Academic  
Excellence



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### OUR COMMUNITY

**PROVISION SPORTS**  
Contact Details: raprovision@hotmail.com

8-12 Years | FREE for benefit related FSM children | 10am - 2pm

**Old Bank Academy Summer Holiday Camp**  
10am - 2pm

Our action packed multi sports holiday camp is back and running over the Summer Holiday. We do require children to bring indoor and outdoor clothing appropriate for sport as well as water bottle. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

**D.B.S CHECKED FIRST AID TRAINED EXPERIENCED PREPARED FUN RELIABLE PROFESSIONAL**

- Football
- Dodgeball
- Hockey
- Netball
- Rounders
- Ball Games
- MultiSports
- Rugby
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Social Skills
- Boxing
- Dance
- Archery

Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Postcode \_\_\_\_\_  
School Attended \_\_\_\_\_  
Allergies \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Details: raprovision@hotmail.com @ProVisionSports

**SCAN TO BOOK!**

THE MARTIAL ARTS METHOD

**SUMMER CAMP**  
MONDAY 12TH TO FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST  
**8:30AM-3:30PM**  
Designed for 5-11 year olds

- Martial Arts
- Team Building
- STEM Activities
- Crafts and More

**£130 PER CHILD PER WEEK**

**SCAN TO BOOK**

Use code ROYDSMILL at checkout to receive £20 off full week bookings!

**"Would highly recommend! My son had an awesome time!"**  
2023 Attendee returning for 2024

\*Sibling discounts and individual days available.  
Royds Mill Mirfield Lower Hepton Mirfield WF14 8PJ  
07758252411 www.themartialartsmethod.co.uk  
Info@themartialartsmethod.co.uk @thomasmartialartsmethod

**ONLY 15 FULL WEEK SPACES**

**THORNHILL TENNIS CLUB**

SDTC THORNHILL TC

**SUMMER 3 DAY TENNIS CAMPS**  
WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY - FRIDAY

**AUGUST: 7TH-8TH-9TH & 14TH-15TH-16TH**

ALWAYS LOTS OF FUN!!  
INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM BUILDING SKILLS & COMPETITIVE GAMES

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME  
£40 PER PLAYER

30-32 THE COMBS, DEWSBURY WF12 0QL,  
THORNHILL CRICKET & BOWLING CLUB

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TERM TIME BOOKINGS, PLEASE CONTACT  
SAM.DANDYCOACHING@GMAIL.COM  
07913 054264  
← ALSO VISIT OUR WEBSITE ↓↓

[HTTPS://WWW.SAM-DANDYCOACHING.COM/CLASSES](https://www.sam-dandycoaching.com/classes)

**MIRFIELD COMMUNITY HUB**

Contact: Mirfieldhub@kirklees.gov.uk

Supporting schools and their families within the Mirfield area.

**JOIN OUR COMMUNITY HUB**

We aim to make children, families and the wider community aware about what's on offer, where to get support, and how to become involved.

- EARLY SUPPORT SERVICES
- HEALTH
- HOUSING
- FINANCIAL ADVICE
- SAFER KIRKLEES & POLICE
- SEND
- FAMILY SUPPORT
- HAF & YOUTH PROVISION
- COMMUNITY GROUPS
- LOCAL BUSINESSES & CHARITY

**Kirklees Families Together**

**Kirklees COUNCIL**

## COMMUNITY OFFER

A few useful links regarding community 0-19 provision:

HAF funded holiday programmes

[Home | Kirklees Schools Out \(schoolsoutkirklees.co.uk\)](#)

General youth activities across all of Kirklees:

[\(KYA Facebook\)](#)

Groups you can join to stay up-to-date or post relevant information about community provision:

[Mirfield Youth | Facebook](#)

[Batley & Birstall Youth | Facebook](#)

[Dewsbury Moor Youth | Facebook](#)

[Colne Valley & Golcar Youth | Facebook](#)

[Holme Valley Youth & Meltham | Facebook](#)

Kooth (the free, safe and anonymous online mental health support platform) Summer Campaign: [Go Somewhere Good - Explore Kooth](#)



### PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024



[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

#### **LAS IGUANAS**

Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main

#### **ASDA**

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

#### **SAINSBURYS CAFES**

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

#### **PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

#### **THE REAL GREEK**

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

#### **TGI FRIDAYS**

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

#### **PUREZZA**

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

#### **TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN**

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

#### **IKEA**

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

#### **SIZZLING PUBS**

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

#### **BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE**

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

#### **PRETO**

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

#### **MORRISONS**

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

#### **TESCO CAFES**

1 Free Kids meal with every 60p Spend. Available from July 1st Scotland and NI - from July 22nd England & Wales

#### **GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS**

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

#### **YO! SUSHI**

From Monday 1st July - Friday 30th August 2024, kids eat free all day Mondays to Fridays at YO! Sushi (min adult spend £10).

#### **WHITBREAD INNS**

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

#### **BELLA ITALIA**

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

#### **COCONUT TREE**

One child (aged 10 and under) eats free per paying adult. Valid Daily, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 22nd July to Friday 6th Sept 2024.

#### **DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES**

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

#### **TABLE TABLE**

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

#### **HUNGRY HORSE**

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

#### **FUTURE INNS**

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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