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## End of Half Term Letter

Parent/Carer

I am delighted to be able to write to you after what has been an incredibly busy and productive half term. I want to share with you some of the great things that have been happening in the academy, as well as sign posting some of the events following the break.

### Positive Recognition

Pupils have been nominated by subject areas for demonstrating this half term's Accord virtue 'Ambition', those pupils nominated along with all pupils with 100% attendance have this week enjoyed an ice cream reward. Throughout all year groups, I am pleased to say a total of 620 pupils have been celebrated.

We look forward to celebrating more success next half term where pupils will be nominated for demonstrating or working with 'Compassion', nominated pupils along with pupils who have 100% attendance will be invited to enjoy a movie afternoon.

We are excited to share with you Horbury Academy's first end of half term newsletter for this academic year, which celebrates some amazing achievements and successes both within the academy and the wider community since our return in September.

[Autumn Term 1 Newsletter](#)

### My Child At School - MCAS

As previously communicated, from November all communication from the academy will be sent via the MCAS app. If you have not yet downloaded the app, please can you do so over the half term break. If you need login information please email [data@horbury.accordmat.org](mailto:data@horbury.accordmat.org).

All communication that is sent home will be sent electronically, this includes:

- Quick messages regarding your child e.g. Above and beyond messages from staff
- Letters, both personalised letters for your child or links to whole school letters
- Reports e.g. your child's most recent data report

### Trips and visits for the year ahead

I am pleased to be able to confirm that we have a wide range of trips and visits planned for the year ahead. These visits and experiences have been deliberately designed to complement both our subject curricula and our Accord Character Virtues. After half term every parent/carers should receive a further letter via MCAS signposting the trips and visits that we have scheduled in for the year group your child is in. When designing these experiences we have tried to ensure that they are cost effective and inclusive to all pupils. Where trips and visits incur a cost we would wish to support any family with this cost to ensure all pupils are able to gain from the experiences on offer.

## Supporting our families through the cost of living crisis

The current climate, without doubt, is presenting many of our families and young people with financial challenges. As an academy we want to be able to support our families and pupils in need as best we can. If you require any support, with any school related costs such as uniform, school meals, books or educational equipment for example, please contact the academy at [enquiries@horbury.accordmat.org](mailto:enquiries@horbury.accordmat.org) where we will be happy to try and help in whatever way we can.

### Key events and dates for next half term

**Monday 31 October** – Academy reopens to pupils

**Monday 7 November** - Year 9 Parents Evening

**Wednesday 23 November** - Celebration Evening

**Friday 2 December** - INSET Day

**Monday 5 December** - Year 11 Parents Evening and Mock Results Day

**Friday 16 December** - End of Term

### Contacting the Academy over half term

Whilst the Academy will only be operating with minimal staffing during the half term break, should you need to make contact you can do so by either contacting main reception on 01924 282740 or by emailing [enquiries@horbury.accordmat.org](mailto:enquiries@horbury.accordmat.org).

Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers for the support this half term. I look forward to welcoming your children back to the academy following the half term break.

Yours faithfully



Mrs N Walker  
Principal

## **Support for Families and Young People**

**Beat** – Support and Information about eating disorders – 0808 8010677.

[www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk](http://www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk)

**Calm Harm App** – An award winning, free app to support people to overcome feelings of anxiety and self harm. Featured on the NHS digital app library and found in the Apple and Play store.

**Childline** – 0800 1111

Childline provides a free counselling service for young people up to their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Cruse Bereavement** – 0808 8081677

Cruse offers support, information and advice when someone dies.

**GASPED** - 0845 146 0002 (24-hour confidential helpline).

GASPED is a registered charity established in 1995 offering information, advice, help and support for the parents, partners, families and carers who care for or are affected by a loved one's drug and/or alcohol misuse.

**Local Children First Hub** – 01924 307 878

Children's First Hub provides support for families in the local area.

255 Barnsley Road, Wakefield WF1 5NU

Email: [WFTSouthWestAdmin@wakefield.gov.uk](mailto:WFTSouthWestAdmin@wakefield.gov.uk)

Website: Family Hubs – [www.wakefieldfamilies-together.co.uk/community-support/familyhubs](http://www.wakefieldfamilies-together.co.uk/community-support/familyhubs)

**Kooth** – [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) A website which provides an online counselling service for young people, provided by the NHS.

**NSPCC** - 0808 800 5000 for adults concerned about a child or 0800 1111 to speak to Childline if you are a young person.

**Place2Be** – Mental Health Charity. [www.place2be.org.uk](http://www.place2be.org.uk)

Provides resources for parents, including supporting your child starting primary and secondary school.

**Samaritans** – 116 123 (Helpline) or 01924 377011 for Wakefield Branch.

Open 8am – 10pm to receive callers at the door at 37-39a Charlotte Street, Wakefield, WF1 1UL. Website

<http://www.samaritans.org/branches/samaritans-wakefield-and-district>

**Star Bereavement Support Service** – 01924 787384 [www.starwakefield.org.uk](http://www.starwakefield.org.uk).

Providing Advice, support and counselling for families and young people in our region.

**Turning Point Inspiring Futures (Substance Misuse Support)** 0300 123 1912 [www.turning-point.co.uk/services/wakefield](http://www.turning-point.co.uk/services/wakefield)

**Wakefield District Domestic Abuse Service** - 0800 915 1561

WDDAS <http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/health-care-and-advice/adults-and-older-peopleservices/domestic-abuse>

**Wakefield District Housing** - OneCALL 0345 8 507 507. WDH <https://www.wdh.co.uk/ContactUs/>

**Wakefield Well Women's Centre** – 01924 211114

<http://www.wellwomenwakefield.org.uk>