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Principal's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and successful week at Accrington Academy as we approach the half-term break. As we near the end of this half term, we would like to wish all students, staff, and families a restful and well-deserved break next week, please take the opportunity to recharge and enjoy some time to relax. Our Year 11 students continue to show real commitment and determination. They will be in school throughout the week taking part in additional revision sessions as they prepare for exams to resume on 1st June. We are proud of their hard work and focus and wish them every success as they continue this important period. At the same time, students in Years 7–10 will begin their mock examinations after half term, also starting on 1st June, and we encourage them to prepare well and approach these with confidence.

Last weekend saw two fantastic enrichment opportunities. Our Duke of Edinburgh Silver practice expedition students were truly outstanding—despite challenging cold weather conditions, they demonstrated resilience and teamwork, embodying our TEAMAA values throughout. We also had our Year 9 residential at PGL, where students fully immersed themselves in every activity. Their enthusiasm, participation, and positive attitudes were excellent to see, and they should be incredibly proud of themselves.

This week also included a number of enjoyable events across the academy. Our KS3 Movie Afternoon on Wednesday and KS4 Movie Afternoon on Thursday were well attended, and Friday's Bongo Bingo proved, as always, to be a big hit with students.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after half term for another important and productive period.

Best wishes,
Ms M Haselden
Executive Principal

Week commencing 01/06/26
Week A

Enjoy a restful week off

Attendance

Year 7–89.5%
Year 8–90.3%
Year 9–81.2%
Year 10–85%
Year 11–84.9%

Showcase Stars

For excellent drumming, developing a great character and positive attitude

Fallon M
Ciera L
Lola W

Wizard of Oz

Follow the yellow brick road to our school production of The Wizard of Oz on 24th June. Tickets £5, available from Student Reception.

PROM

Make sure your food orders are in by 29th May 2026.

Homework Winners

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Dexter R	Yameen M	Jannat H
Elijah B	George M-C	Ameel F-K

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Year 11

EXAM!

Exam Success

Small steps. Smart revision. Big impact.

- ✓ Create a revision timetable
- ✓ Revise little and often
- ✓ Test yourself regularly
- ✓ Mix subjects to stay focused
- ✓ Take regular breaks

Remember: Progress beats perfection.

Top Revision Tips

Break topics into manageable chunks
Use past papers and mark schemes
Teach the topic to someone else
Use flashcards and mind maps
Get enough sleep – it really matters
Consistency is more important than cramming.

Feeling Stressed? You're Not Alone

Exams can feel overwhelming – but support is always available.

- ✓ Take breaks
- ✓ Talk to someone you trust
- ✓ Keep a routine
- ✓ Eat well and stay hydrated
- ✓ Do something you enjoy each day

Feeling calm helps your brain work better.

Young Minds – Exam Stress:
https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/exam-stress/

NHS – Exam Stress Tips:
https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/exam-stress/

Mind – Stress Support:
https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/types-of-mental-health-problems/stress/

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Celebrating Student Success

Lily B, plays for Accrington Stanley Women FC Gold U14s, she has had an outstanding season. She helped her team reach the Lancashire Cup final and secure the Northwest Super League U14 title. Lily also successfully earned a place at the Blackburn Rovers Emerging Talent Centre, standing out among 240 trialists. In addition, she has been selected to represent her team in international tournaments in Benidorm this July and Nottingham this June.
Well done Lily!

Duke of Edinburgh - Silver

A huge well done to all students who have successfully completed their DofE Silver practice expedition! Despite the cold and challenging conditions, they showed resilience, teamwork, and fantastic determination over two days of walking in all kinds of weather. Spirits remained high throughout, and their hard work has truly paid off with everyone passing—an amazing achievement. Now onto the qualifier in a few weeks... keep it up, you've absolutely got this!

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Rewards Week

PGL

A huge well done to all of our Year 9 students who attended the PGL residential! They were fantastic throughout the trip, showing enthusiasm, courage, and a real willingness to get involved in every activity. It was great to see them stepping out of their comfort zones, supporting one another, and fully embracing each challenge. Their behaviour and attitude were excellent, and they should all be incredibly proud of themselves for representing the academy so positively. What a brilliant experience for everyone involved, well done!

Sports Leaders

Seventeen Year 8 sports leaders successfully completed their Level 1 Sports Leadership qualification with an action-packed day on Wednesday. They delivered sessions to Year 7 pupils in the morning—receiving fantastic feedback—and then ran a striking and fielding festival for 12 local primary schools in the afternoon. An outstanding achievement—well done to all... every single student passed!