



Key Dates

4th March

Year 9 Guided Choices

5th March

Offer Acceptance Day

11th March

Community Iftar

13th March

Year 8 PGL

19th March

CHARM

20th March

Comic Relief

March - TBC

EID

25th March

Year 11 Parents Evening

Please check at home/in bags for overdue library books.

★ **Showcase Star** ★

Crystal J - Always willing to step in. Already very confident and clear spoken

Principals Message

This week, our students have taken part in a wide range of activities designed to celebrate and promote positive mental health. A huge thank you to Mr Aitken for his hard work in organising so many meaningful opportunities for both staff and students to explore important wellbeing themes. I am also pleased to share that our whole-school attendance has improved since January. While we had hoped for a slightly larger increase, it is encouraging to see more students attending regularly. It has been wonderful to celebrate this with our half-termly rewards and our 'Feel-Good Friday' events. Next term marks an important time for several year groups.

Year 11 students will begin their GCSE mock examinations.

Year 9 students will be choosing their GCSE options, and we look forward to meeting families at our Guided Choices Parents' Evening on Wednesday 4th March, 3pm–6pm.

KS3 families will also receive feedback on how their child has performed in their mid-year assessments.

Enrichment remains a vital part of fostering a strong sense of belonging at Accrington Academy. I am delighted that we have a group of students visiting Jamie's Farm in Wales, while another group will be representing the school at a football festival in Italy. We hope they all have a fantastic and enriching experience.

Finally, I would like to thank you for the warm welcome I have received during my first half term at Accrington Academy. It has been an incredibly positive start, and I look forward to continuing to lead such a wonderful school community.

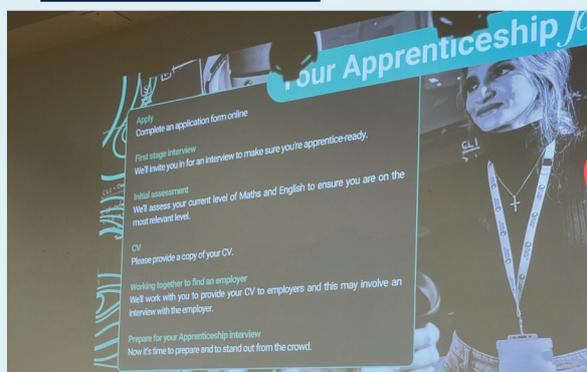
Wishing you all a lovely half term break.

Melanie Haselden
Executive Principal

Guided Choices

Our Year 9 Guided Choices Evening is fast approaching, and all families should now have received an email with full details. We encourage parents and carers to take some time to talk with their child about their next steps, helping them reflect on their interests, strengths, and future aspirations as they prepare to make their choices.

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Homework Winners

Greta P - Yr7

Rumeha A - Yr7

Hannah B - Yr8

Isla B - Yr8

Marley B - Yr9

Sidra M - Yr9

Wellbeing

Mental Health Week



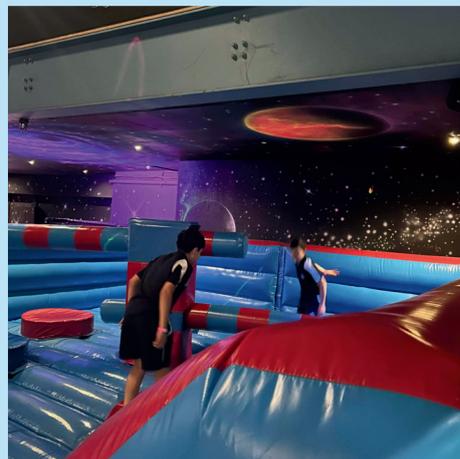
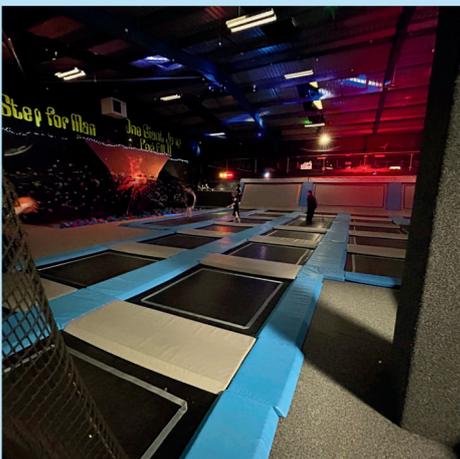
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Rewards

BINGO



Jumpworks



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No More County Lines

“Thank you so much for hosting the No More County Lines Tour at Accrington Academy today. The pre-planned organisation of the day, including the clear timetables and coordination with staff, was truly outstanding — the best I have seen in my 29 years of working in schools.

Allowing students ten minutes between lessons for registration and movement into the hall created the ideal environment for delivery. This thoughtful planning gave us maximum presentation time and enabled us to deliver the full programme without rushing, ensuring the best possible outcome for your students.

Thank you again for your excellent hospitality. We thoroughly enjoyed working with you and look forward to doing so again in the near future.”

Emma Owen

Head of Youth Engagement

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