



Key Dates

9th - 13th Feb
Children's Mental Health Week

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National Apprenticeship Week

11th Feb
Year 10 Parents Evening

12th Feb
Italy Football Trip Parent Meeting
6pm -7pm

13th Feb
Jump Works/ Bongo Bingo Attendance Rewards Day

16th - 20th Feb
Half Term - Return Monday
23rd February

Please check at home/in bags for overdue library books.
Book and Board Game donations are welcome.

Showcase Star
Ava-Mai W - Excellent crew member. Always one step ahead

Principals Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful week at Accrington Academy, filled with achievement, community spirit, and a strong sense of pride in our students.

I am delighted to share that a group of eight of our students took part in the Panathlon H&RV Xtend Competition — and they won! Their determination, teamwork, and talent shone through, and they will now go on to represent Hyndburn and the Ribble Valley in the County Finals this April. I look forward to meeting with them next week to offer my personal congratulations on their fantastic success.

Our students have also brought great energy to our lunchtime house events, which have created a positive atmosphere across the school. It has been wonderful to see so many young people engaging enthusiastically with friendly competition and teamwork.

On Monday, I had the pleasure of meeting many parents and carers to share our vision for Accrington Academy. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed. We are excited to begin collaborating on a Parent and Staff Communication Charter that will strengthen the partnership between school and home.

We are also looking forward to welcoming Year 10 parents to our Parents' Evening on Wednesday 11th February. This will be an important opportunity to discuss progress, aspirations, and the ways we can support your child in the important lead-up to GCSEs.

I would like to continue asking for your support in ensuring high attendance. Good attendance is one of the strongest predictors of academic progress, and together, we can make sure every student arrives each day ready to learn and succeed.

It has been equally inspiring to see so many students getting involved in Accrington Extra, our wide range of enrichment activities. From sporting clubs to chess, reading, and darts, our students are discovering new interests and developing new skills. We are especially excited to soon welcome a professional snooker player, who will be running a snooker club during lunchtimes — a fantastic opportunity!

Finally, I want to reiterate our commitment to high standards of behaviour for learning. During my visits to classrooms this week, I have been delighted by the focus, effort, and pride shown by the vast majority of students. Their classwork and books reflect real dedication.

However, I would like to ask for your support with one important area: homework completion. Currently, only around 50% of students in Years 7–9 are completing homework consistently. Establishing strong learning routines now is essential preparation for the demands of GCSE study in Year 10. Encouraging your child to complete set homework will make a significant difference to their progress and confidence.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. Together, we can continue to build an aspirational, and successful academy within our community.

Melanie Haselden

Executive Principal

House Scores



Every lesson counts

Great attendance means...

being in school at least 97% of the time

Remember
Education is important - don't miss out!



Did you know?
A two week holiday in term-time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is 94.7%.

...being in school, on time, every day, ready to learn



Did you know?
If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year!

Poor punctuality - less chance of success. Very poor punctuality - serious impact on education and reduced life chances.

The Breakfast Club

Starting your day the TeamAA way!



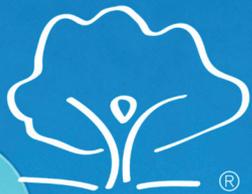
MONDAY-FRIDAY

7:30-8:10

FREE AND OPEN TO EVERYONE

Homework Winners

- Xavier H - Yr7
- Coben E - Yr7
- Rohail M - Yr8
- Coby A - Yr8
- Will A - Yr9
- Harry A - Yr9



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2026

THIS IS MY PLACE

Monday – Spread the Positivity

School-wide positivity daisy chain activity to span through the week



Tuesday – Bake a Difference

Whole school bake sale (students, staff, parents)
House event



Wednesday

Break: Positivity Tree

Form Time:
Student Voice survey
on MH understanding and
support



Thursday – Poem of Positivity

Students write short mental health themed positivity poems for display – Prize for each year group



Friday – “Inside Out” Day

Swap one piece of clothing for something colourful to match a character from “Inside Out” movies

