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Dear parents/carers and students,

Tackling online misogyny - a free webinar for parents and carers

Many of you will be aware of the concerns surrounding Andrew Tate, and other similar 'influencers' who are promoting a view of the world which is very much anti-women. As a school we are keen to challenge the ideologies which are being offered (particularly to boys) by these men.

As well as working with students in school we believe it is important that parents/carers speak to their children about the dangers of being exposed to these online influencers. We have recently been sent a link to a free webinar for parents/carers and school staff, it aims to educate adults about the rise of this issue and support conversations with our children. The link to sign up for this free webinar can be found [here](#). Whilst we have not been able to preview the seminar we do know that the organisation running it has an established positive reputation for tackling misogyny in schools. We would therefore encourage you to sign up if you are able to.

Year 9 Options process

All Y9 parents and students will now have received an electronic version of the KS4 Guide 2023 for you to look at prior to choosing KS4 options in February. The guide, together with an explanatory video can be found [here](#) also. Please remember that you have Year 9 Consultation Evening on Wednesday 25th January - you will have received a separate letter about this from Mrs Hook - and an Options Information Evening on Wednesday 1st February, both of which we hope will inform your final decisions. Details relating to these events can be found in the KS4 Guide, which was sent out on Monday and can also be found on the school website.

Absences - please ensure that you notify us on the first day of absence

If your child is absent from school it is critical that you inform the school in a timely manner so the reason for the non attendance can be logged accurately on our system. Absences that are not reported to our attendance team, or are without a reason, are marked as unauthorised. Contact details for the attendance team can be found at the end of this letter.

Come along to the biggest careers fayre in the area!

The Angmering School is at the forefront of Careers Education Advice and Guidance as demonstrated through our success in achieving all Gatsby benchmarks and our national NEON award for widening participation in higher education. To showcase all of the amazing opportunities for students and to highlight National Careers Week, we are hosting a Careers Fair at the school on **Thursday 9th March 2023**. The event is open to Angmering students only from 1.30-3.15 and will also welcome the wider community from **3.45 - 7.15pm**.

Representatives from all of our local Colleges and Universities have been invited including Plumpton, Brinsbury, Chichester, Worthing, Northbrook MET, Bath, UCFB Wembley, UCA, University of Law, Chichester, Portsmouth and Solent University.

There will also be a number of apprenticeship providers present including SIGTA, Steve Willis Training, The National Horseracing College, The School for Nursing and Allied Health, Rewards Training, Arun District Council and The Ministry of Defence.

All of the Armed forces will be present along with representatives from NHS, Police, Fire Service and Western Sussex Hospital.

A vast number of local employers will also be present showcasing many different sectors of employment including Hairdressing, Construction, Childcare, Engineering, Travel and Tourism, Insurance, Law, Health and Fitness, Media/Design, Photography, Music, Animation and many more. We look forward to seeing you and your children there!

End of year Enrichment Trips

Details of our end of year enrichment trips will be sent out on Monday. Please do check the details and note the deadline to reply and pay for the trips. You are asked to complete a google reply form to sign up your child to take part.

General advice about managing 'winter bugs'

As children returned to school this week the government issued some advice about 'winter bugs' for all parents/carers of school aged children. The full advice can be found [here](#). In essence it says that there remains a high level of COVID, flu and scarlet fever (caused by Strep A bacteria) infections amongst the general population and that we can all take simple steps to reduce the risks of these infections spreading more widely. Two key pieces of their advice are:

- 1. It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.*
- 2. Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.*

We will be working in school to reinforce the second point in particular but your support would be appreciated in ensuring that you do not send your child to school with a fever. This will help us to control the spread of these infections within the school community. Thank you.

Parent Governor Vacancy

The governing body of the school would like to make all parents/carers aware that they are seeking a new parent governor. This is a voluntary position as part of the governing body who support the school by working with the senior leaders to provide strategic direction and critical reflections on the development of the school. Details should now have been sent to all registered parents/carers explaining how interested parents/carers can apply for this position.

West Sussex 'Here to help' site

We have been asked to make all of our families aware that West Sussex County Council has set aside some funding this year to support families who are struggling with the **cost of living**. Details

of the support available can be found on their website [here](#). Alternatively you can call 0330 222 7980 to speak to someone about what they can offer.

Get Caught Reading

Congratulations to Erin MacDonald 7CSH who has won this weeks "get caught reading" prize!



Thanks for your continued support,



Simon Liley, Headteacher

Key contacts for parents/carers:

Year Group	Year Team Leaders	Email Addresses	Phone Numbers
Year 7	Miss Pegden	npegden@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778317
Year 8	Mrs Fillery	jfillery@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778311
Year 9	Mrs Hook	lhook@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778338
Year 10	Mr Smith	ssmith@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778382
Year 11	Mr Middleton	mmiddleton@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778339

Years	Student Support Officers	Email Addresses	Phone Numbers
10 & 11	Mrs Cooper (Monday and Tuesday only)	lcooper@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778389
10 & 11	Miss McCabe	mmccabe@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778396

10 & 11	Mrs O'Hare	dohare@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778389
7 & 8	Miss Matthews	amatthews@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778303
9	Mrs Wilson	lwilson@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778341

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Year 7	Mrs Marshall	smarshall@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778354
Year 8 & 9	Mrs Silva	ssilva@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778331
Years 10/11	Mrs Jones	ljones@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778323

Sixth Form	Mr Kerrison (Leader of VI Form) Mrs Carroll (VI Form Admin) Miss Hughes (VI Form manager)	akerrison@theangmeringschool.co.uk pcarroll@theangmeringschool.co.uk ehughes1@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778356 (01903) 778391 (01903) 778399
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