

Friday 16th
May

Dear parents/carers and students,

Year 7 Pastoral Team update

If you have a child in Year 7 you will already know that Miss Pegden will shortly be leaving Angmering to take up a post as the SENDCO at a large secondary school in mid-sussex. This is a well deserved promotion and we will all be wishing her well when she leaves at the end of next week.

We are delighted to say that Mrs Ford, currently a Student Support Officer here, was successful in coming through a strong field at interview and has been duly appointed as the new Year Team Leader for the current Year 7. Mrs Ford will remain leading this year group until the end of Year 11.

I am sure that you will all join us in thanking Miss Pegden for her excellent support of our students and in welcoming Mrs Ford to her new role in the pastoral team.

Exams Update

Year 11 students almost completed their first 'full' week of GCSE and BTEC exams. The normal lesson timetable will continue to run until Thursday 22nd May, during this period students will come out of their normal lessons to sit exams. Friday 23rd May will be a half day for Year 11 students. After the May half term break Year 11 will be on study leave, we will only expect students in school when they are sitting exams. The normal timetable will no longer be running.

Year 13 students will continue to attend their timetabled lessons **until they have completed all of the exams for the subject**. Once they have completed the exams for a subject they will obviously not be expected to attend those lessons.

Thank you in advance to all parents/carers for your excellent support at home. We all know that our students could not do it without you!

Students Supporting a Friend In Need

A small group of students have recently decided to do something really positive to help one of their friends. Nicola is one of our Year 8 students who uses an electric wheelchair to support her mobility and allow her to fully engage with school, home and extracurricular life. Unfortunately Nicola has outgrown her current chair and needs a new, bigger, model. Her friends, led by Emily, have decided to support her by carrying out physical challenges to raise money towards funding a new chair. If you would like to learn more about their brilliant idea, and perhaps donate a small amount in support, please follow the link below. [Go Fund Me page](#)



The Angmering School

Weekly Newsletter 31

The Angmering School is 50!

This year marks 50 years since the school opened for students and we are planning a celebration on 5th July when we will be looking back at all of the highlights of the first 50 years of our school.

We are asking members of the community for memories and images of the school over the years. We are hoping to put together an exhibition of the changing face of the school since 1975!

Please get digging through those old photos and yearbooks (remember those?) and if you are happy to share them please send a copy to our email address office@theangmeringschool.co.uk along with an estimated date of the photo and a description.

Please also join our 50th Anniversary Facebook page [here](#).

Thank you!



School Phone Line for Student Absences

In order to simplify the process of notifying the school when your child is too ill to attend, we have now amalgamated all of the year groups onto one central phone number. Please call the main reception number (01903 772351) for all absences. You will then be asked to **dial '1' to report absences** for Years 7-11 or **'6'** to report absences in the Sixth Form. Many thanks.

Absence must be reported for each day of absence.

Alternatively you can report your child's absence via our designated text number to 07860054571

Thanks for your continued support,



Simon Liley, Headteacher

Student and Community News

Biology Breakfast!

A number of students took part in a Biology Breakfast this week organised by the Science Team to help with their science revision. (Can you spot the motivational bananas?)



Sporting Achievements!

Congratulations to the Year 10 Football Team who were crowned District Championship winners with a 1-0 victory over The Sir Robert Woodward Academy, in an end to end game a great finish from AB just before half time was the difference between the 2 teams. Well done to everyone involved!



Student and Community News

Advance warning of upgrade to sewer works



Clancy are carrying our work on behalf of Southern Water to upgrade the sewer network in connection with the new local housing development.

In 2023 during Phase One of our works we installed a new pipeline in Water Lane from Weavers Hill to connect the new development at the Oval.

We are now ready to complete Phase 2 which will upsize the existing sewer along Water Lane from the junction of Station Road to the junction of Weavers Hill.

Our work is due to start on **Monday 19 May 2025** for a period of about 8 months and will involve closing sections of Water Lane as we move towards Weavers Hill. There will be a diversion in place that will be shared with the local community nearer the time. Water lane will be closed during the works.

Student and Community News

Exam Certificates Summer 2024

We are pleased to inform you that the summer 2024 exam certificates are now available for collection.

Collection Details:

Location: Main Reception, The Angmering School

Collection Dates/Times: Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Required Identification: Please ensure you bring valid identification when collecting your certificates. Without it, we will not be able to release them.

If you are unable to collect your certificates in person, or if you would like to nominate someone to collect them on your behalf, please contact dbrown@theangmeringschool.co.uk to arrange this.

Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

SUMMER EXAM
CERTIFICATES NOW
AVAILABLE FOR
COLLECTION

Student Bulletin

Every Monday we send the students a newsletter which includes important weekly events and notices, sports clubs, and celebrates their achievements. Please click here to see this weeks Bulletin.

[Link to The Student Bulletin](#)

Vacancies

- Teacher of History.
- PE Technician/Cover Supervisor
- Teacher of DT/Food Technology.

Diary Dates

- 20/05/2025 - Y6 Activity Evening
- 23/05/2025 - Y7, Y8, Y9 & Y10 Enrichment Trips
- 26/05/2025 - 30/05/2025 - Summer Half Term
- 02/06/2025 - Return to school
- 17/06/2025 - Y8 Consultation Evening
- 19/06/2025 - 2nd Y6 Activity Evening
- 20/06/2025 - Y8 HPV Vaccinations



- Please note all exam information can be found here.

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Key Contact	Email Addresses	Phone Numbers
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Absence Reporting Via Text Messaging - 07860054571

[Should my child go to School today?](#)



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of 'digital LEGO', certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by erasing hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gameplay loop of resource gathering and building elaborate projects, it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase, which is typically around £15. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms. Realms is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft. Hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

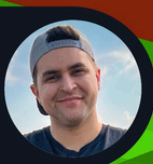
Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Gaming Editor at the Daily Star, and has worked in games media for more than 6 years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety for children of all ages.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

ANGMERING SUMMER JAM

SATURDAY 7 JUNE

11AM - 4PM



BMX / SKATE / SCOOT

BOWL & PUMP TRACK DEMOS
COMPETITIONS, PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS
FREE SKATE & BMX WORKSHOPS
MEET SOUTH COAST OLD SCHOOL BMX
POP UP BOARD & SKATE SHOP
LIVE MUSIC, FOOD AND MORE!

FREE EVENT IN
CONJUNCTION
WITH ANGMERING
PARISH COUNCIL



VENUE

MAYFLOWER PARK, MAYFLOWER WAY,
ANGMERING, BN16



GET YOUR BOARD OR BIKE READY!



JOIN US FOR AN ADRENALINE-PUMPING BMX/BOARDING
EVENT AS WE CELEBRATE SUMMER.



What's for dinner tonight?



You don't need to go hungry if you don't have money for food.

There are many reasons for financial crisis, including redundancy, illness or injury, an increase in living costs, low income, unexpected expenses, a relationship breaking down, homelessness, and more.

Whatever the reason for needing our help, you can contact Help Through Hardship for free on **0808 208 2138**, and talk to a friendly adviser about getting a foodbank voucher.

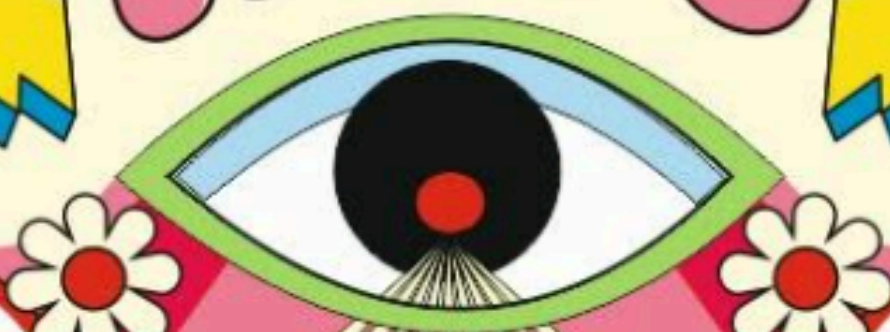
If you live or work in the areas around **Littlehampton, Angmering, Rustington, East Preston** and **Arundel** you can find more information on how to get a voucher, including other support agencies you could contact, at <https://littlehampton-district.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help> or by using your phone's camera to scan this QR code:



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THE ANGMERING SCHOOL
PLAYING FIELD

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STALLS / FUN

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

GATES OPEN FROM 10AM - 2PM