

# The Angmering School Weekly Newsletter 29

Dear parents/carers and students,

#### Students Supporting a Friend In Need

### Friday 2nd May

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



#### **Study Capture**

As mentioned in the letter sent home to parents and carers of students in Years 7-9 last week, our new 'Study Capture' initiative started from Monday 28th April. We have been working in partnership with an organisation called Action Your Potential to develop students' wellbeing and study habits. This simple daily routine encourages students to reflect on their learning and strengthen memory retention. Students in Years 7–9 will be guided through the process in school for the first two weeks, after which it will become a daily homework habit.

Please speak to your child about their new 'Study Capture' booklet and encourage them to complete it each day. This same initiative will be launched with year 10 after their mock exams. Thank you for supporting your child with this valuable new learning tool!

#### **Year 10 Mock Exams**

Year 10 students started their mock exams this week and the vast majority have made an excellent start. These exams will assess how well they are developing their knowledge and skills as they move towards the halfway point of their GCSE and BTEC courses. The exams will be used by teachers to refine their plans for further teaching and to provide students with individual areas for focus.

If your child is in Year 10 it is important that they have somewhere quiet at home to revise and that they devote time to this. Teachers will provide guidance and resources to allow them to focus on the right topics and activities. Thank you in advance for your support with their preparation for these important assessments.



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#### Our hero! Mr Merritt-Blann conquers the London Marathon!

Last Sunday our very own Mr Merritt-Blann ran the London Marathon to raise money for Barnabas House, British Liver Trust & The Lavinia Norfolk Centre. Rumour has it that his wife entered him for the race draw (without telling him) to give him a 'fitness focus' for the year. It has certainly worked. We are all extremely proud of his efforts, particularly as he has raised over £2000 for his chosen charities. If you would like to donate to his fund you are still able to by clicking here.



#### **Road Safety information from West Sussex**

Did you know that West Sussex Road Safety Team has a Road Safety Facebook page, which has now been running for approximately 3 years.

The page provides useful information about keeping you and your children safe on and around the roads.

#### WSCC Road Safety - Facebook

All ages can benefit from the information they post, which in turn could help to make your children's journeys to and from school safer, healthier, and overall easier for everyone.

#### 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 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.





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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 designed text number to 07860054571

#### Contacts for enquiries relating to absence

Year Group	Year Team Assistant	Direct Dial Numbers	Extension Numbers
Years 7, 8 and 9	Ms Lisa Jones	Tel 778323	323
Years 10 and 11	Mrs Sarah Silva	Tel 778331	331
Years 12 and 13	Mrs Pauline Carroll	Tel 778391	391

Please drive and park considerately when dropping off or picking up children

We have had a number of concerned residents contacting us since the start of term to ask that we remind parents/carers about the need to drive and park considerately when dropping off and picking up children. In particular we would ask that you avoid blocking driveways, which may prevent residents from entering or leaving their homes. It has also been noticed that parents/carers are not observing the Keep Clear markings at the main entrance; the area is therefore being patrolled by Arun Parking Enforcement Team because of their concern for pedestrian safety.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Thanks for your continued support,

Simon Liley, Headteacher

## **Student and Community News**

#### **Rhythm and Poetry!**

We welcomed Hip Hop and Rap Poet Karl Nova into school this week.

Our Year 8s started engaging with Karl even before his performance had begun and we listened with rapt attention as he shared his dramatic and eventful life story and explained how he came to love writing poetry, music and rap. Raps Karl performed included Poetry?, A tale of two friends and A to Z. Congratulations to Ruby, who won a signed copy of one of Karl's books for counting the correct number of colours he mentioned during the very fast rap, True Colours.

Later, Karl led two lively creative writing workshops in the Library for around 60 students. After discussing how we can use metaphors, similes, personification, onomatopoeia and repetition to improve our work, Karl showed us how to structure our poems into four-line verses with a repeating sentence to complete each verse. Our Year 8s have been set a challenge to complete the raps they began with Karl during the workshops and submit them to the Library by Wednesday 7th May. One entrant will be chosen to receive the annual Year 8 creative writing prize and have their name engraved on the shield. Watch this space to find out who wins!

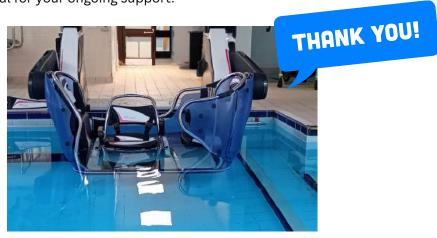
Karl said that he'd love to come back to visit us another time and that's definitely something we would like too. It was a brilliant day!



#### Thank you!

On behalf of the students and staff at The Lavinia Norfolk Centre, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the grand opening of our Pool Pod.

This innovative piece of equipment empowers students who use wheelchairs to independently access the hydrotherapy pool. It represents a truly transformative step forward—allowing students to enter the water on their own, without adult assistance. This autonomy is not only liberating but also profoundly affirming for their confidence and well-being. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.



# **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.

#### Careers Fair Roundup 2025

Please check out our Careers Fair roundup—don't miss the fantastic highlight video as well! <u>Click Here</u>



# **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.

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#### **Student Bulletin**

<u>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.</u>

**Link to The Student Bulletin** 

## **Vacancies**

- <u>Teacher of Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education</u>
- Teacher of Geography
- Teacher of Food Technology

## **Diary Dates**

- 28/04/2025 09/05/2025 Y10 Mock Exams
- 05/05/2025 Early May Bank Holiday
- 20/05/2025 Y6 Enrichment evening
- 23/05/2025 Y7, Y8, Y9 & Y10 Enrichment Trips
- 26/05/2025 30/05/2025 Summer Half Term



Please note all exam information can be found here.

# Key Contacts for parents/carers

Key Contact	Email Addresses	Phone Numbers				
Year 7 Key Contacts						
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Mrs Ford (Student Support) & Mrs O'Hare (Student Support)	sford@theangmeringschool.co.uk dohare@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778341 (01903) 778389				
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Mr Middleton (Head of Year 8)	mmiddleton@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778339				
Mrs Ford (Student Support)	sford@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778341				
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Mrs Ford (Student Support)	sford@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778341				
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Mrs Fillery (Head of Year 10)	jfillery@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778311				
Mrs O'Hare (Student Supoort)	dohare@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778389				
Year 11 Key Contacts						
Mrs Silva (Attendance Officer)	ssilva@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778331				
Mrs Hook (Head of Year 11)	lhook@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778338				
Mrs O'Hare (Student Support)	dohare@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778389				

# **Key Contacts for parents/carers**

#### **Sixth Form Key Contacts**

Sixth Form Mrs Knox (Leader of VI Form) Mrs Carroll (VI Form Admin) Emily Davies (VI Pastoral Coordinator) hknox@theangmeringschool.co.uk pcarroll@theangmeringschool.co.uk edavies@theangmeringschool.co.uk (01903) 778356 (01903) 778391 (01903) 778394

#### Absence Reporting Via Text Messaging - 07860054571

Should my child go to School today?





# 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	
Scables	they've had their first treatment	
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics	
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics	



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

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





#### Advice and guidance

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

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

# TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

## BE BRIGHT,

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

#### **EYES UP**

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and

# **DISTRACTIONS**

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something tunny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've

#### SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they re certain they have plenty of time. be approaching very quickly

# STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the r ensure they can still see appr

Children should always find d crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, view, instead moving to somewhere they can and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles

# PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They show ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can

### REVERSING



Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound



When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided

#### Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/





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# 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 <u>free</u> 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 <a href="https://littlehampton">https://littlehampton</a> district.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help

or by using your phone's camera to scan this QR code:

# ANGERICE FUNDOG SHOW

MAYFLOWER PARK SATURDAY 10TH MAY 2025



FANCY A FUN DAY OUT IN A DOG FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT? THEN THIS IS THE EVENT FOR YOU!

REGISTRATION FROM 11:00

For more information contact Angmering Parish Council on **01903 772124** 



Held in conjunction with Wadars Animal Rescue.

Our Charity of the Year.

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