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Fir Vale Academy Half Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I want to thank you for your support and share the progress we are making together. There is much still to do, but we are building stronger foundations for our students to succeed.

Attendance and behaviour

Attendance has improved significantly compared with the same period last year. Thank you to the families who have supported this improvement by making attendance and punctuality a priority. Every day in school gives students more opportunities to learn, build friendships and grow in confidence. Maintaining this progress will remain a key focus next half term.

Students are becoming more familiar with our routines, and staff continue to reinforce clear, consistent expectations. We will keep recognising those who get things right, while providing support and challenge where improvement is needed. Every student deserves to feel safe and to learn in a calm classroom. I am pleased to say we have made great strides this half term in this work.

Break and lunch

This half term has seen the introduction of our new break and lunchtime arrangements, including separate timings for mainstream and United Pathways students. These changes are designed to make social times more enjoyable for students, improve access to facilities and provide appropriate spaces for different groups of students. Student voice on this has been really positive, and we will continue to review how we can extend our offer with things like lunchtime clubs and more activities.



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United Pathways

United Pathways is an important development in how we support students with significant learning, language, communication and wider needs. It combines a more tailored curriculum with clear routines, high expectations and additional support. Our ambition is for students to develop the knowledge, confidence and independence they need to succeed, with supported opportunities to move into mainstream learning where appropriate. We will continue developing this provision next half term, working closely with students and families.

Student leadership

Our student leadership arrangements have also begun to take shape, ready to move forward in Half Term 2. We want students to have a meaningful voice in their school journey, alongside opportunities to take responsibility, represent others and lead by example. I look forward to seeing their ideas develop into action.

Thank you to our students, staff and families for their efforts this half term. The progress we are seeing gives us a positive foundation to build on, and our expectations remain high.

I wish you and your families a restful half term and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 2nd November.

Mr Bullock
Principal



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Open Evening Highlights

It was fantastic to welcome so many families to our Open Evening yesterday. Thank you to everyone who joined us to explore our academy, meet our dedicated staff and students, and discover the wide range of opportunities available at Fir Vale Academy. We hope you enjoyed experiencing our subjects, facilities and vibrant school community, and gained a real insight into what makes our academy such a special place to learn and grow.

If you were unable to attend, don't worry. There are still plenty of ways to find out more about life at Fir Vale Academy. You can explore our **online prospectus**, **visit our website** to learn about our curriculum, enrichment opportunities and values, or **arrange a personal tour** to see the academy in action and meet members of our team.

We would be delighted to welcome you and answer any questions you may have as you consider your secondary school options.



A special congratulations to the winners of our prize draw from the evening!

The winners were...

- Hibba from Whiteways Primary School
- Kevin from Oasis Primary School
- Ruqayya from Owler Brook Primary School



Next Steps Event

We recently held our annual 'Next Steps Event', giving students the opportunity to meet face-to-face with a wide range of post-16 providers, ask questions and gather the information they need to make informed decisions about their future.

We were especially proud to see **Sheffield Wednesday FC** recognise two of our students, Hasan and Kevin, for impressing them with their thoughtful and engaging questions!

They were rewarded with a Sheffield Wednesday shirt and training coat - a fantastic achievement! Well done, Hasan and Kevin! Your confidence and curiosity really stood out.



Form Reps for Student Council

Year 7

A	T Rabiul A Rehman
B	S Gratze S Sandorova
C	O Bamidele W Abualyan
D	H Kordo A Bethi
E	M Hawbush L Biltaji
F	C Ekhsosuehi M Ahmed

Year 8

A	S Khan
B	M Qadiri R Anazy
C	G Ankama I Schipfer
D	Z Ziarat N Stoican

Year 9

A	T A Ahmeed Q Ahmed
B	J Zigova M H Raza
C	J Hussain A Gabco
D	B Tamang S Hassan
E	S Shukla A Zafar

Year 10

A	A Khan
B	K Kandrach H A Mumin
C	U Faisal G Al-Kaili
D	K Burnett A Yahya
E	D Olaegbe E Sarwar
F	S Akmal J Syed

This years Form Representatives for student Council have officially been elected. these students will work closely with the Student Council to represent their forms, share ideas and help bring positive change to the academy!

Rewards Week!

This week has been **Rewards Week** - a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the hard work, dedication and achievements of our students at Fir Vale Academy!

Throughout the week, students have been recognised and rewarded for their excellent attendance, positive attitude to learning and commitment to our academy values. It has been wonderful to see so many students enjoying well-deserved rewards and celebrating what has been a brilliant start to the term. Well done to all of our students for their continued effort and success!

It's also been the first opportunity to use our brand new Rewards Table - students can visit here throughout the academic year to collect prizes and rewards for their hard work and attendance.



Key Dates Coming Up

Monday 2nd November - Students Return

Monday 2nd November - Y11 Mocks Start

Thursday 12th November - Y11 Parents Evening

Friday 27th November - INSET DAY

Monday 7th December - Y11 Mock Results Day

Friday 18th December - Final Day of Term



To stay up to date with events at Fir Vale, make sure you're following us on Facebook and have downloaded ARBOR.

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Jumpers

£8.50 - £12



Ties

£4



PE Tops

£7.25 - £7.75



Shirts

£5

Uniform can be bought
from Reception, just
speak to our team.

Card payments only.

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Optional blazer can be purchased along with all other uniform
items directly from our supplier by visiting

www.johnnyd.co.uk