



Fir Vale Academy

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FIR VALE FORTNIGHTLY

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support with our new morning routines. Students have adapted very well this week. The start of the day has been positive, calm and well organised. Students are arriving, lining up, and getting to lessons ready to learn. This is already making a difference to how the day begins and ensuing students are set up for success. We believe this will have a strong impact over time. Thank you for working with us to make this an initial success.

Year 11 exams are coming soon. In fact, some languages exams have already started. This is an important time for our students. Staff are supporting them in school, and we are focusing on revision in lessons. Please continue to support your child at home by encouraging regular revision, strong attendance, and a positive routine in these final but vital weeks of school.

This final term of the year is very busy and exciting. We have many events coming up, including Culture Day, Prom, Transition Day and activities for new students, and a range of end-of-year events. These are important opportunities for students to celebrate their success and be part of the wider school community. We will share more details with you over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Bullock



Mr Bullock
Principal



Determination



Togetherness



Achievement



Opportunity



Kindness



Respect



Arbor

We're now in full swing with Arbor, our school's information system that keeps you connected to your child's attendance, achievements, behaviour, and all our updates. **It's really important that you download the Arbor app so you can stay fully in the loop.**

Please take a moment to download it and log in so you have everything you need at your fingertips!

[iOS App Store](#) / [Play Store App Store](#)

Key Dates Ahead

Bank Holiday - School Closed

Monday 4th May 2026

Half Term Holiday

Monday 25th May until Friday 29th May 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

All students return to school

Parent Drop-ins

Thursday 11th June 2026

Friday 19th June 2026

School Closure Day
(Staff Training, no students in school).

Grow with us!

To support the Sheffield City Council '**Adopt-a-Street**' launch day - and Earth Day 🌍🌱

Fir Vale Academy students were involved in planting bulbs and plants in the existing planters on the boundary.

Lu Watkins (Nature Connection Project Officer, Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust) said: "Since the ten planters appeared last summer, they have sat proud along the verge and with spring here we had an opportunity to add some more colourful, perfumed 🦋 and 🐝 pollinator-friendly plants."

[@NatureSheffield](#) [@RecoveryNature](#)





Rewarding Trip!

Year 11s spent a fantastic day out at Alton Towers, in recognition of 100% attendance since December! The park was quiet, so students were able to enjoy a lot of rides! The group were immaculately behaved throughout and we were very proud of how well they represented Fir Vale!



High Attainers!

Our Year 9 higher attainers had a great day visiting Sheffield Hallam University. Having a taste of Uni life and speaking with tutors to learn where their chosen qualifications can lead to when following their career paths.

A promotional poster for a 'Year 11 Parents Exam / Revision Support Evening'. The poster features a dark blue background with yellow and white text. It includes a stack of books, a notepad with a checklist, and a clock. The text reads: 'YEAR 11 PARENTS EXAM / REVISION SUPPORT EVENING', 'WEDNESDAY 29th APRIL 2026', '3:45PM - 4:45PM', 'AT FIR VALE ACADEMY'. A yellow circular badge says 'WORKING TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS'. At the bottom, it says 'TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.' and lists four key features: 'EXPERT ADVICE from school staff', 'PRACTICAL TIPS to support revision at home', 'EXAM PREPARATION strategies and resources', and 'SUPPORT every step of the way'.

Exam/Revision Support!

The event will cover:

- A range of revision strategies that students can use to prepare them for their exams
- Practical tips and guidance for how parents and other family members can support your child through the exam period
- Information about examinations
- Information about extra revision sessions in school

Wednesday 29th April 3:45pm – 4:45pm



Welcome!

In the last two weeks we have welcomed two new Senior Leaders to Fir Vale Academy as we continue on our improvement journey.

We welcomed Miss Foxtton (Vice Principal – Quality of Education) and Miss Pierce (Assistant Principal – Literacy & EAL).

They are very much looking forward to being part of the Fir Vale community.