

**Friday 8th
September**

**A very positive
start to the
new year!**

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been brilliant to welcome back our students after the summer break, they always bring such positive energy to the school and a smile to our faces. Our new Year 7 students seem to have settled in really well and are finding their feet (and their way around). We are looking forward to getting to know them more as individuals as the term progresses. Thanks for all of your support in getting them ready for the new term.

A reminder of our attendance policy

As a useful reminder to all parents/carers (pre-existing or new to the school) I have put the overview of the **Attendance Policy** at the end of this letter. Please take a few minutes to read through it in order that you can best support your child. All of the evidence, and our many years of collective experience, prove that regular school attendance is the biggest foundation stone for a positive school experience and good academic progress. We always aim to work with you to maximise your child's attendance at school and your support in this vital joint effort is much appreciated. If you have any questions regarding how we support and manage attendance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Blazers are back from Monday 11th September

As the forecast is for significantly cooler weather next week we will expect all students to be in full uniform, including their blazers, from Monday.

Limiting vehicle access to the site to ensure students safety

As was the case throughout last year we do not allow parents/carers to drive their vehicles onto the school site during drop off or pick up times. The only exception to this is for children with physical disabilities which make it significantly difficult for them to make their own way in from Greenwood Drive or Bramley Green. All eligible parents/carers should have yellow permits to display on their dashboards or in their windscreens. The LNC team will continue to manage the allocation of these permits and will be happy to help new parents/carers who wish to apply for one.

If your child does not fall into this small group you need to drop your child in the surrounding area so that they can walk onto the school site. This will ensure we minimise on-site traffic, increasing safety and maintaining access for buses and emergency vehicles.

Main School Open Evening

On the evening of **Thursday 28th September** we will be opening our doors to prospective students and their parents/carers as we run our annual Open Evening. We have changed the format for this year and will be running a series of timed tours (setting off every 15 minutes from Reception) which visitors can book onto. Each subject area will show off a little of what they do as the tour parties pass through. The main 'headteacher's speech' has been changed to a more informal Q&A session with each group at the end of their tour.

If you have friends with children in Years 5 or 6 please do direct them to the school [website](#) for further details.

Thanks for your continued support,



Simon Liley, Headteacher



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The Angmering School Attendance Overview

Contact details for reporting an absence

Year 7

Mrs Marshall: Telephone – 01903778354 Email – smarshall@theangmeringschool.co.uk
Text Message: 07700185859

Year 8 and Year 11

Mrs Jones: Telephone- 01903778323 Email – ljones@theangmeringschool.co.uk
Text Message: 07700185859

Year 9 and 10

Miss Silva: Telephone – 01903778331 Email ssilva@theangmeringschool.co.uk
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Reporting Procedure for Absences

- All absences must be reported to the attendance teams only, no later than 8.30am and a reason must be given. Absences that are not reported by 8.30am and are also without a reason will be marked as unauthorised.
- All absences are to be reported to the attendance teams only using the correct contact details provided above, any absences reported to other members of staff may not be received in the attendance office and therefore may be unauthorised.
- If your child has a sickness bug we ask that they remain off school for 48 hours from the last episode of sickness, if your child attends school before this time period they will be sent home. This is to prevent the spread of illness across the year groups.
- We expect your child to attend school on occasions such as period pains, feeling sick (without being sick) and headaches unless they have supporting medical evidence.
- Covid – if your child has tested positive for Covid and feels unwell we ask that they remain off school for 3 days from the date of the positive test. They can then return to school on day 4 without a negative test providing they feel well enough to attend.
- All medical appointments should be booked after school and in school holidays wherever possible. Any absence for a medical appointment without evidence, i.e. appointment card, appointment text and hospital appointment letter will be marked as unauthorised.
- Students are expected to come into school before and after their appointments unless agreed otherwise, please give the attendance team 24 hours' notice of medical appointments.
- We are unable to authorise holidays in term time; this is in line with West Sussex and government guidance. All exceptional circumstances requests must be submitted with an absence request form available from the Attendance Team or via the school website and requested in advance of the absence. Any absence not requested correctly will be marked as unauthorised.

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Every School Day Counts

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance	0 days missed	Excellent
97% Attendance	5 days of Absence , 1 week of learning missed	Good
95% Attendance	9 days of Absence , 1 week and 4 days of learning missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 days of Absence , 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 days of Absence , 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 days of Absence , 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	Unacceptable

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week, or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks every year.

Student News

Creative Writing Prize Winner

Jenna Virgoe (Year 9) has been awarded the William Nicholson shield for excellence in creative writing. Her exceptional entry imagined the experience of a prisoner in solitary confinement, shunned by all and living in darkness. Congratulations Jenna!

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](#)

Current Vacancies

- Library Assistant & Accelerated Reader Administrator - [Link to the vacancy](#)
- Cover Supervisors - [Link to the vacancy](#)

Diary Dates

- Wednesday 13th September Y7 and Y9 Photo
- Tuesday 19th September History & Geography (selected) Y9 London Dungeons and Sealife Trip
- Thursday 28th September Opening Evening for Y6 transition 2024/25

Key Contacts for parents/carers

Key Contact	Email Addresses	Phone Numbers
Year 7 Key Contacts		
Mrs Marshall (Attendance Officer)	smarshall@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778354
Miss Pegden (Head of Year 7)	npegden@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778317
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Year 8 Key Contacts		
Mrs Jones (Attendance Officer)	ljones@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778323
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Miss Silva (Attendance Officer)	ssilva@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778331
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Mrs Wilson (Student Support)	lwilson@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778341
Year 11 Key Contacts		
Mrs Jones (Attendance Officer)	ljones@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778323
Mr Middleton (Head of Year 11)	mmiddleton@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778339
Mrs Wilson (Student Support)	lwilson@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778341

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Sixth Form Key Contacts

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