

**Friday 9th
February**

Dear parents/carers and students,

As we enter the half term break I would like to thank all of the staff across the school for their excellent work in support of our students. It fills me with pride every day to see so many staff going the extra mile to help young people to achieve great things. Of course, all of our support would be fruitless without the excellent support which you provide from home; we are always grateful for your support.

I hope that you manage to spend some time together with your children next week and that they have a good rest after a great half term. Please remember that Monday 19th February is an INSET day and students will return on Tuesday 20th February. Enjoy the break!

Year 11 Mock Exams

Year 11 begin their second set of mock exams on Tuesday 20th February and should therefore be devoting some time over the half term break to their final preparations. Our advice to them is to have a clear plan, break their revision into manageable chunks and remember to focus first on the things which they find most difficult. All of the students have access to Google Classroom which has a wealth of resources and guidance to help them with their revision.

Whilst results from the mocks are not the students' final grades, they can be used as evidence in the event that a student is ill for the final exams. We would therefore encourage all Year 11 students to prepare well and continue to take these mock exams seriously.

Finding Holiday Activities in the Angmering Area

In partnership with all of the local primary schools a site has been created to provide information for families about the activities for children which are available in the local area. On the site you will find details of the activities and contact details for the organisations who run them. The site can be found at <https://www.angmeringchildcare.com>

The 100 Club in support of the Lavinia Norfolk Charitable Trust

The LNC Trust raises funds to support the extra curricular activities enjoyed by so many of the students with physical disabilities, hearing impairment or visual impairment. The Trust is run entirely by volunteers and relies on fundraising and the generosity of the local community to continue their excellent work. Their latest fundraising plan is the introduction of a '100 Club'. The idea is that 100 members each pay in £10 per month to a pot and then each month a draw takes place to award cash prizes to randomly selected members of the club (with the Trust receiving a small guaranteed income from the pot also). If you are interested in being in the '100 Club' please contact Judy Murton via jmurton@theangmeringschool.co.uk

Childcare Choices & Tax Free Childcare

Please see the attached links to Childcare Choices and Gov.uk's Tax-Free Childcare
<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/childcare-and-early-education/childcare-options-and-funding/childcare-options/>

<https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare>

Please park considerately when collecting your children

Whilst we understand that it can be difficult to find a suitable space to park your car near to the school when collecting your child, please remember to be considerate of local residents at all times. In particular please refrain from:

- Blocking driveways
- Leaving your engine running for extended periods of time
- Parking on the pavement (and blocking access for pushchairs/wheelchairs)

We have received a number of messages from upset locals and your support is greatly appreciated by all of our local residents. Thank you.

[Operation Crackdown](#) is a joint initiative run by the SSRP and Sussex Police which gives the Sussex community an opportunity to report specific instances of anti-social driving/riding as well as any abandoned vehicles left on the roads.

Reminder: School morning arrival time and gate procedure

Please may you remind your child that the front and back gates close at 8.40am as students need to allow time to be in their tutor for registration at 8.45am.

Any student arriving after 8.40am will have their standards card signed.

Thanks for your continued support,



Simon Liley, Headteacher

Student and Community News

Amazing Performing Arts! - Dance Live and Music Mania

What an amazing week it has been for our Performing Arts students and staff! On Tuesday a large group of students from all year groups went to Portsmouth to compete against schools across the region in 'Dance Live!'. Headteachers from other school have been good enough to contact me this week to tell me how powerful and poignant the performance was, one even said that almost all of their students (waiting in the wings to perform their own piece) were moved to tears. Massive congratulations to all involved.

Then on Thursday evening the Music Department held 'Music Mania', a chance for many of our talented musicians and singers to show off their talents to friends, family, fellow students and members of the local community. The evening was superb and they all received a thoroughly deserved ovation for their performances. I suspect we will have a few tired students and staff today!



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

- Safeguarding Officer - [Link to Vacancy](#)
- Teacher of Art and Photography - [Link to Vacancy](#)

Diary Dates

- 12th February - 16th February Half Term
- 19th February **INSET Day**
- 20th February Y11 Mock Exams
- 20th February Bells change to 2:1:2
- 22nd February New York Trip Parents Meeting
- 23rd February Y8 HPV Vaccination
- 27th February Y7 Consultation Evening
- 11th March ASK Apprenticeship Y11 Assembly & Workshop
- 13th March LNC Social Evening
- 19th March Year 9 Legoland Trip

Parental Wellbeing and Information

Parent Workshops from CAMHS

Our colleagues in the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) have produced a series of pre-recorded webinars for parent and carers. The topics cover a range of difficulties that young people may be experiencing.

Each workshop gives an overview of a specific difficulty and also some hints and tips on how young people can be supported. There are also links to some resources that you may find helpful, either while you are waiting for CAMHS treatment, or as an alternative to CAMHS.

<https://www.sussexcamhs.nhs.uk/resources/resources-for-families-carers-and-professionals/parent-and-carer-workshops?open=15829#single-accordion-15829>

West Sussex Mind online event

This online event led by West Sussex Mind will cover various topics related to youth self-harm, including identifying warning signs, effective communication strategies, and available resources for support. Our experienced professionals will lead the session, offering insights and practical advice to help you navigate this challenging situation.

By attending this session, you'll gain a better understanding of youth self-harm and learn how to provide the necessary support to your child or the young person you care for. It's a great opportunity to connect with other parents or carers who are facing similar concerns.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-online-session-for-parents-or-carers-concerned-about-youth-self-harm-tickets-795205670567?aff=oddtcreator>

BBC Sussex Raising Teens

A number of West Sussex colleagues from both the SEND and Inclusion Service and Public Health have been involved in the latest series of Raising Teens on BBC Radio Sussex, as part of a project by Make Good Trouble. <https://www.makegoodtrouble.co.uk/our-work/raising-teens/raising-teens-series-five/>

The series is aimed at parents of teenagers, but is an excellent source for anyone supporting this cohort of young people. The topics covered this series are:

- Accessing Mental Health Services
- Supporting Adolescent Trauma
- Eating Disorders
- From Teen to Adult
- Neurodiversity in Teens
- School Support for Mental Health

MY VOICE MATTERS

10 WAYS TO LOOK AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

Here are some brilliant tips from young people just like you on how you can look after your mental health.



Place2Be's
**CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK**

- 1 Don't keep it all to yourself and spend too much time in your own head. This can sometimes make it keep piling up, and make you feel worse.
- 2 Talk to someone you trust and feel comfortable with – a teacher, parent, sibling, cousin, friend... if you can't think of anyone and need to talk, try talking to someone like Shout by texting SHOUT to 85258 for free.
- 3 Write your thoughts and feelings down.
- 4 Keep in contact with people, don't isolate yourself.
- 5 Don't dismiss your feelings because you think they aren't valid. Everything you feel is valid and important to you.
- 6 Focus on the good parts of your life and doing what you love, rather than the negative.
- 7 If you feel like harming yourself then tell someone you trust and distract yourself in the meanwhile.
- 8 Do something you enjoy to help you relax and have a break – watch a film, play a game, watch your favourite YouTuber, listen to music.
- 9 Be your own best friend because at the end of the day, you're stuck with you – so look after yourself!
- 10 Remember that you're not alone, even if it sometimes feels like you are.

*With thanks to students at Stewards Academy and Ark Globe Academy

ASK FOR HELP

Let your family, friends, and teachers know if you are struggling so that they can support you.

- If you're feeling overwhelmed and need to talk:
- Text P2B to 85258 for free to speak to Shout
 - Call 0800 1111 to speak to Childline, or visit
 - [childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk) for their free online chat
 - Visit place2be.org.uk/help for more advice



Key Contacts for parents/carers

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

The Angmering School Attendance Overview



UK Health
Security
Agency



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>.