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# AES NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome from the Director

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

Welcome to the Summer Term edition of our news letter!

## Staff Changes

This term we have welcomed two new members of staff. Mareme is the new Teacher in Charge of the school. She joins us after spending a day a week with us last during the last half term in which she got to know both the students and our systems.

Emma is also a qualified teacher and will be working with Mareme to improve and enhance the teaching and learning experience provided by AES. Between them they bring a wealth of experience and lots of creative and innovative approaches to teaching the curriculum.

At the end of last term we said goodbye to Ibrahim and Leanne. Ibrahim had been at AES for 3.5 years and had supported many students in that time to re-engage with learning, improve their self-esteem and make progress. We are grateful to both of them for their contributions to AES and wish them both well.

## Ofsted

An Ofsted inspector visited the school in February and their report can be viewed on the website.

## System and Curriculum Changes

Based on feedback from the Ofsted inspector, we have introduced a number of changes aimed at improving the systems. Here are a few examples:- firstly, we have introduced a more rigorous and clear Behaviour Policy, this is also on the website and you will find a copy with this newsletter. Secondly, we have improved our teaching and learning policy to reflect the use of new methods of recording student's academic progress and behavioural attainment. A copy of our new Teaching and Learning Policy can be found on the website.

## Staff Training

As new staff join the school, each needs to undergo appropriate training to enable them to undertake their duties. Some of this training is mandatory, such as Approach training for behavioural de-escalation and restraint, whilst some becomes necessary to fill the skills gap left when someone de-

parts. As such, we will need to close the school for a number of days this term (details below). A letter was sent out on the first day of term detailing what these are. I apologise for the inconvenience this can cause and trust that you can understand that we would not do this were it not absolutely necessary. Work will be set for students and sent home the day before any closure.

Finally, we would like to welcome Dwayne, our new specialist music teacher to AES. Dwayne is a music producer and will be coming on Thursdays to work with our students. He is an inspiring person as well as being very talented and we are looking forward to working with him.

Kind regards,  
Chris O'Nions  
Director

## New Students

We have welcomed two new students to AES this term. We are looking forward to working with them both.



## R.E

This term the students will be learning about Religious Education and finding out about each others religions.

## Humanities

In History, we are learning about Ancient Greece undertaking tasks such as using the internet to research and using timelines to chronologize. In Geography, children will be mapping the journey Odysseus would have taken around Greece learning about different countries along the way.

## Art

This term the students will be doing art with Lisa who will be supporting our topic work on the Ancient Greeks. Students will be looking at particular patterns found in Greek design as well as studying, designing and making their own warrior shields.

## Languages

This term the students will be learning Greek with Dino, who is a native speaker. This will enhance their understanding and appreciation of the topic work we are undertaking.

## Maths

For the first half of this term, pupils will be learning about algebra and statistics. We have lots of practical lessons planned to ensure the learning relates to the real world.

## Science

Our science focus this term is Physics—States of Matter. Children will learn how to identify, classify and sort solids, liquids and gases.

## Swimming

The students will continue their swimming lessons for the remainder of the term. These are each Tuesday at 10am. Thank you for ensuring that your child is coming to school on these dates with the correct kit and a towel.

### **Student award ceremony**

This will take place on Thursday 19th July at 1.30pm. Students will be presented with various awards based on their work, behaviour, talents and effort. Food and drink will also be available. Please do come along and support your child. It is always wonderful to see you there and the students feel such pride in showing their achievements to you.

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

#### ***INSET DAYS***

The school will be closed on the 25th April, 1st May, 16th and 17th May and 22nd and 23rd May for essential staff training.

**Half Term –28th-1st June**

**Term starts—Monday 4th June**

**Term Finishes– Thursday 19th July**

**Autumn Term starts–Wednesday 5th September 2018**

#### ***DROP IN SESSIONS***

We will be holding drop in sessions for parents/carers from 2.30-5pm on the following days-

Monday 11th June and Tuesday 12th June

Please come along to see your child's work, and discuss their progress with the staff. A letter will be sent out later this term so you can sign up for a specific time slot that best suits you.

### **Student council**

There will also be a student council meeting this term and some of the ideas from the students would be shortlisted and implemented at AES.

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