



ARROW VALE

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Dear Parent/Carer

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

I am delighted to welcome back our students this term and am happy that many have settled in well. I was extremely impressed by how smart they all look, thank you to all parents and carers for your support with uniform, equipment and attendance.

The work that we are doing at Arrow Vale continues to extend into and beyond our community and contribute to many schools who make up the CRST Trust. Similar to last year, it is with pride and pleasure that I continue to be the Head of School at Arrow Vale. This will allow Mr Mellor to continue his work within the other Trust schools driving up standards and expectations that can only benefit our students and community. Being greatly invested in the Arrow Vale community for over 14 years, I continue to strive for all students to be the best versions of themselves and for us all to strive towards excellence in everything we do.

I am excited this year for us as a school for many reasons. I am pleased to announce that rehearsals begin for Arrow Vale's production of Matilda to be shown in the Spring Term. Along with the offered experiences and enrichment activities, we have secured several staff in key areas who will only strengthen and add value to our student's experience. After consulting with parents, we have also re-invested back into Edulink as our parent communication tool (please see last paragraph). This will allow parents to monitor and support their child easily on rewards, attendance and homework. The relaunch of our homework has begun, and you can find this information on the school's website.

I ask that you keep an eye out for our social communications regarding some big news that we are anticipating after several meetings with the Department of Education. This truly will be transformational and hugely impactful for many years to come.

Here are some important dates and information you will need at the start of this new term:

### Important Dates:

Open Evening (for prospective parents) Tuesday 24th September, 2024  
6.00pm – 7.05pm Church Hill Students and other schools outside the catchment area  
7.05pm – 8.30pm Ipsley Students

Year 9 Tutor Evening Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2024  
(further details to follow)

6th Form Open Evening Thursday 17th October, 2024  
(further details to follow)

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6<sup>th</sup> Form Parents Evening  
(further details to follow)

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

Staff Learning Days  
School will be closed to students

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October/Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2024

**Open Evening: Early Closure**

It is our Open Evening for prospective parents on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 6pm – 8.30pm. As usual, the school will be closed at 12.40pm to allow essential preparations to take place.

Our Free School Meal students will be able to collect food at breaktime such as baguettes and sandwiches.

Please encourage friends with younger children to come and take a look at Arrow Vale as they begin to think about their child's route through education. They do not need to be Year 8 parents to come and visit our school – we are confident they will find a happy, thriving school. As ever, I maintain an open offer for you to visit the school, should you wish, so that you can be secure in the ethos and day to day successes of our school. If you would like to visit, please contact reception to arrange an appointment, and either myself or a colleague will show you around the school.

**EduLink**

All parents will now have been contacted with regards to Edulink - our parental information and communication system. We use this system to provide you with essential information about your child/ren and their lives at Arrow Vale. It is important to note all communications are conducted over Edulink. Therefore, it is really important that you sign up for access.

Further details are available on our website [Arrow Vale - EduLink - Parent App \(arrowvaleschool.org.uk\)](https://arrowvaleschool.org.uk) or please contact [office@arrowvaleacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@arrowvaleacademy.co.uk) if you have any issues.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing co-operation and support and if you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely



Mat Rash  
Head of School