



# The Armthorpe School

A Specialist School in The Arts and Sport



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Dear Parent / Carer

On behalf of the Governing Body, I am very pleased to be able to inform you that an Academy Order has been received from the Department for Education, allowing the school to move towards conversion to academy status. This process is likely to be completed in late Spring / early Summer when the name **Armthorpe Academy** will be adopted.

As an academy, we will continue our commitment to the values and principles which have been established at The Armthorpe School, though we also intend to embrace change which will ensure that the education that we provide is fit for purpose in the twenty first century. The key features of our vision for the new academy include:

- Our values - Ambition, Respect, Responsibility and Pride - which are intended to shape the attitudes, relationships, work and lives of all members of Armthorpe Academy and its community.
- A relentless focus upon excellence in learning which ensures that young people of all abilities are ambitious, invest in their learning, and are well equipped to meet the challenges of education, work and life.
- Commitment to the provision of a safe, caring, inclusive and supportive environment where every member of the school community matters and is given respect.
- An expectation that every school member shows a sense of responsibility for his or her own attitudes, behaviour and development as a learner or professional.
- A view of the school and its members as a thriving, optimistic and forward looking community to which all are proud to contribute and belong.

We will continue to keep you informed of developments in the transition towards academy status. Any changes which are introduced will all be intended to serve the best interests of students and, wherever possible, will be informed by consultation involving students, staff and parents. In the meantime, governors are keen to inform you that the school uniform will not change, and that students will be permitted to wear items bearing the name 'The Armthorpe School' for as long as they are serviceable.

Yours sincerely

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