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4th October 2024

Letter to Parents and Stakeholders regarding Multi-Academy Trust status

Dear Stakeholders,

Over the course of the year, the Governing Body along with leaders of Pewsey Vale School have been investigating options with regard to joining a Multi-Academy Trust to continue to grow our school. Three academy trusts were invited to present to the Governing Body, and we are pleased to announce that Acorn Education Trust were the preferred MAT (Multi-Academy Trust) of choice.

Acorn Education Trust have vast experience across all phases of schools and pride themselves on providing education locally to ensure the best quality for all students. Currently, Acorn have a total of 17 primary and nursery schools and 3 secondary schools. Pewsey Vale will be the fourth secondary school to join Acorn Education Trust with others potentially joining early next year. The Governing Body felt that Acorn's core values aligned well with ours, and as a small school would provide us with more opportunities for students and staff to develop.

I am therefore pleased to inform you that as from 1st December 2024, Pewsey Vale School will become part of Acorn Education Trust. This collaboration has also been given the go ahead by the Schools Regional Director's office and the Department for Education.

In terms of the day to day running of the school, very little will change. We will continue to be Pewsey Vale School, keeping our values and identity. However, being part of the Trust will enable us to work collaboratively with the other schools to add capacity and resources where required.

We are all very excited to be part of this new adventure, and I hope you are too. We have been working collaboratively with the Trust over the past few terms and already seeing some benefits. We will keep you informed of our situation if anything changes.

Yours sincerely



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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- **Bags 2 School** made a collection from school on **Monday**. This is a fantastic way for the PTFA to raise funds for the school. This time we raised a fantastic **£104**. Thank you to everyone who made donations.
- The **school Immunisation team** were in school on **Wednesday** for the Flu vaccinations.
- On **Wednesday** our Year 9 Netball team won a **netball match** against Avon Valley Academy. On **Thursday** our U16 **football** team also won against Avon Valley. Well done to all the players. A full write up will appear in our Brightside newsletter at the end of this term.

EVENTS COMING UP

- **New student photographs** were taken last week. All Year 7 students, and those who have joined us during the academic year had their photo taken. The proofs have been handed to students and should anyone wish to purchase prints, the deadline to have free delivery to school is **Tuesday 8th October**. If your child has lost their proof, please let us know in reception and we can print off another copy.
- Please save the date for our **Open Evening**, which will be held in school on **Thursday 10th October** from 6pm until 8.30pm.
- On **October 15th** Miss Lythe, along with Mrs Shaw and Mr Linnegar, are taking 15 students on the **USA Trip**. They will be flying into Las Vegas, driving out across the Mojave Desert to visit the Hoover Dam. Then travelling along the famous Route 66 through Arizona to the Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Horseshoe Bend. They will also take in Monument Valley, the spectacular Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park.

OTHER INFORMATION

- Please can we request that students are sent in to school with a drinks bottle. We are having an increasing number of students coming out of lessons to request a disposable cup from reception. This is having an impact on their learning time and also creating a lot of waste. Many thanks.
- Wiltshire Council Family and Community Learning have added an extra date for the Helping My Child With Anxiety And Worry workshop on Tuesday 22 October.



Wiltshire Family and Community Learning

HELPING MY CHILD WITH ANXIETY AND WORRY



Online Course

Tuesday 22 October
10am - 12noon

Booking closes 15 October

Positive and realistic help for family life

- Explore the difference between anxiety and worry
- Understand how anxiety can affect learning
- Learn practical techniques and calming activities
- Manage anxiety and support wellbeing



Our courses are free if you are 19+ and have been a resident in UK/EU for 3+ years and meet eligibility criteria. Please see our website or contact us for more information.

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CAREERS

- Please follow the link to read the recent **British Army** newsletters for Oct 24. <https://pewseyvale.org/information/careers/careers-news/>
- Please click on the following link to see the **apprenticeship vacancies** released by the Department for Education in the week beginning 23/09/2024.

Number of vacancies summarised by level: Intermediate = 396 - Advanced = 755 - Higher = 89 - Degree = 33

This lists the new apprenticeship vacancies posted to Find an Apprenticeship. To see all apprenticeship vacancies please [click here](#).

	MONDAY 7.10	TUESDAY 8.10	WEDNESDAY 9.10	THURSDAY 10.10	FRIDAY 11.10
During school		Reading Club			Tennis Club
After school	Homework Club	Netball Club Homework Club	Yr10/11 Art Club Homework Club	Open Evening Homework Club	
	MONDAY 14.10	TUESDAY 15.10	WEDNESDAY 16.10	THURSDAY 17.10	FRIDAY 18.10
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After school	Homework Club	Netball Club Homework Club	Yr10/11 Art Club Homework Club	Homework Club	



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