



# Arnold Hill Spencer Academy Newsletter

Easter  
2023

## Message from the Principal

As we head towards the Easter holiday, it is lovely to reflect back on this recent term and the many positive things that have happened. It has been heart-warming to see our students working so hard in lessons and seeing how positively they have responded to the various challenges, activities and opportunities presented to them by our fabulous teaching and support staff.

We can certainly look back on a very busy and productive term for the staff and students at Arnold Hill Spencer Academy. Our students and staff have been working really hard both in and out of the classroom throughout the year and I hope you'll appreciate, when you read this Newsletter, all the hard work our staff and young people continue to put in.

Easter is a time synonymous with Spring and renewal. We recently passed the Spring Equinox so our hours of daylight are increasing and the sun will not set before 6:00 p.m. until October. Finally, I would like to share an interesting seasonal thought with you, from Aristotle no less: **"It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light."**

Whatever you find yourself doing this Easter, I wish you and your family a happy time and look forward to seeing our young people return again in April ready to **'Be Inspired and Achieve Together'**.

Matt Robertson  
Principal





## History News

### A-Level history trip to Hampton Court

Our history A-Level students were kindly given free tickets to visit Hampton Court as part of their A-Level history studies. Students were given a guided tour by one of the palaces historians which brought to life their learning on the English reformation. The weather stayed sunny for the majority of the day and students were able to enjoy a relaxing lunch in the gardens overlooking the fountain.

## Forest Think Big

Arnold Hill Spencer Academy were selected by Nottingham Forest football club for a free careers in technology session for a number of our GCSE PE students. Students gained an insight into the skills that are needed for a job in the technology sector. This was a fantastic opportunity that the students threw themselves into. The team from Forest were so impressed with the students that they are bringing in a number of exciting prizes to hand out in assembly. Watch this space.



**Mrs Walker-Lang**  
**Head of History**



**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>:**

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Start of Summer Term 2023

## Computer Science & Creative Media News

**CyberFirst**

In February, we made the East Midlands Final (for the second year running!) of the CyberFirst Girls Competition. This year we got into the Top 12 of 33 schools in the East Midlands region. Evie, Lucy, Mathilda & Sara in Year 8 represented us this year and did fantastically! Thy should be so pleased – we are incredibly proud of them because this was a huge achievement.

#### 4Skills Work Experience

Our Year 12 Creative Media students enjoyed taking part in the #4Skills virtual work experience by seeing what life is like in the creative industry and following the lifecycle of a TV show by looking at Commissioning, 4Studio, Legal & Compliance, Sales and Consumer Insights. They gained lots of new skills that they can use in their coursework and exams, as well as in their future careers.



**Mr Staples**  
**Head of Computer Science**  
**& Creative Media**



## Library News

To celebrate **World Book Day**, we invited staff & students to dress up as a book character for the day. There were some fabulous costumes & Mille in Year 7 scooped the top prize.

The best staff costume was won by Ms Newton who won the legendary reading duck!

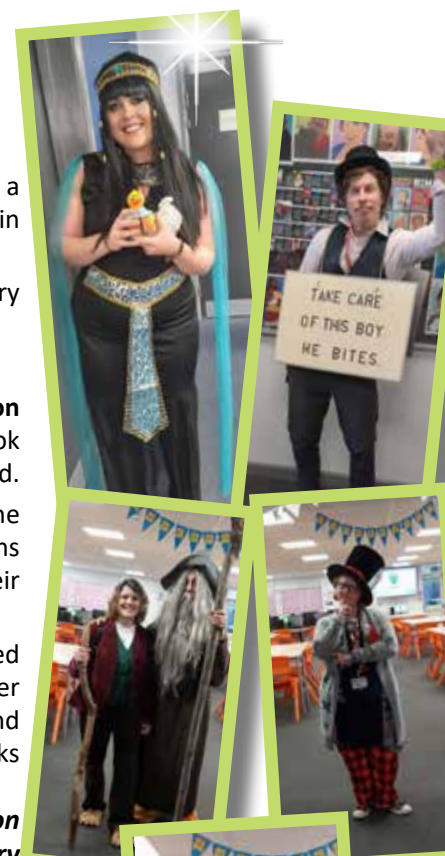
We were thrilled to be given the opportunity to host author **Darren Simpson** at a literary event in school to celebrate the Nottinghamshire Brilliant Book Award 2023. Darren's book **Furthermoor** is short listed for this year's award.

Our KS3 book group and students from Year 7 were invited to attend the event by their English teachers in recognition of their positive contributions to their English lessons, as well as being consistently good readers in their library lessons.

Other local schools were invited to join us at the event, and we were delighted to welcome visitors from Nottingham Girls' High School, Rushcliffe Spencer Academy, Carlton le Willows, The Becket School, Ellis Guilford School and Magnus CofE Academy. Darren talked about his life as an author, the books he has written and a lot about crows!



**Mrs Corton  
Library**





# Dance Showcase

Last week we held our first ever Dance Showcase At Arnold Hill and wow, what an unforgettable evening we had! From Michael Jackson openings, to ABBA medleys and incredibly talented dancers performing blindfolded!

I have been overwhelmed by the passion, professionalism and commitment from all of our students involved in the showcase. We encouraged them to be the best that they can be and they certainly gave it their all. The standard of performance and choreography was exceptional.

Throughout the rehearsal process our students worked tirelessly, ensuring their performance reaches a high standard, alongside providing us with comical moments along the way! I would to say a big thank you to our dancers, we are so incredibly proud of you all. I am forever grateful for your passion and commitment!

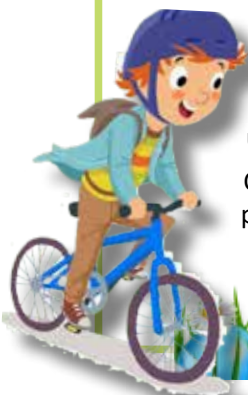
Miss Hays



# Music Showcase

On Tuesday 14th March we had our annual KS4&5 showcase - an appreciative audience gave a great reception to the musical talents on show from our Y10, 11 and 12 students. Performances ranged from rock bands shaking the rafters to duets and solos by our elegant classical musicians. For many this served as excellent preparation for recording final exam pieces, giving students the confidence to put their best performances on tape. The Music Department now looks forward to preparing for the Summer Festival on Wednesday 12th July - we're planning to be even bigger and better than last year and hope to see you all there!

# Cycling to School



All students cycling to the academy are expected and required to wear a cycle helmet to protect them when cycling to and from the academy. If someone's unprotected head strikes a solid surface such as the roadside or the pavement, even if it's a ground-level fall, they can sustain devastating head and brain injuries. We know that the wearing of cycling helmets can reduce the risk of that by up to two-thirds.

Can all parents and carers take time to ensure their child leaves home with an appropriate helmet to protect their child when cycling.

Matt Robertson  
Principal



| Date                            | Event                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Thursday 27th April             | Y8 Parents' Evening (Online)        |
| Monday 1st May                  | May Day Bank Holiday                |
| Monday 8th May                  | King's Coronation Bank Holiday      |
| Friday 26th May                 | Break up for Half Term Holiday      |
| Monday 5th June                 | Back to School                      |
| Thursday 8th June               | Y7 Parents' Evening (Online)        |
| Tuesday 15th June               | Y6 Taster Session 1: 4pm-5pm        |
| Thursday 22nd June              | Y6 Taster Session 2: 4pm-5pm        |
| Fri 23rd - Mon 26th June        | Y7 Residential Trip                 |
| Friday 23rd June 7:00pm         | 6th Form Summer Ball                |
| Thurs 29th June - Tues 4th July | CCF Annual Camp                     |
| Tuesday 4th July                | Y6 Parents' Evening in school       |
| Friday 7th July 7:00pm          | Y11 Prom - Colwick Hall             |
| Monday 10th July                | INSET Day - school closed to pupils |
| Wednesday 12th July 6pm         | Summer Music Festival               |
| Friday 14th July                | Y5 STEM Day                         |
| Fri 14th - Mon 17th July        | Y9 Residential Trip                 |
| Friday 21st July                | Break up for the Summer Holidays    |









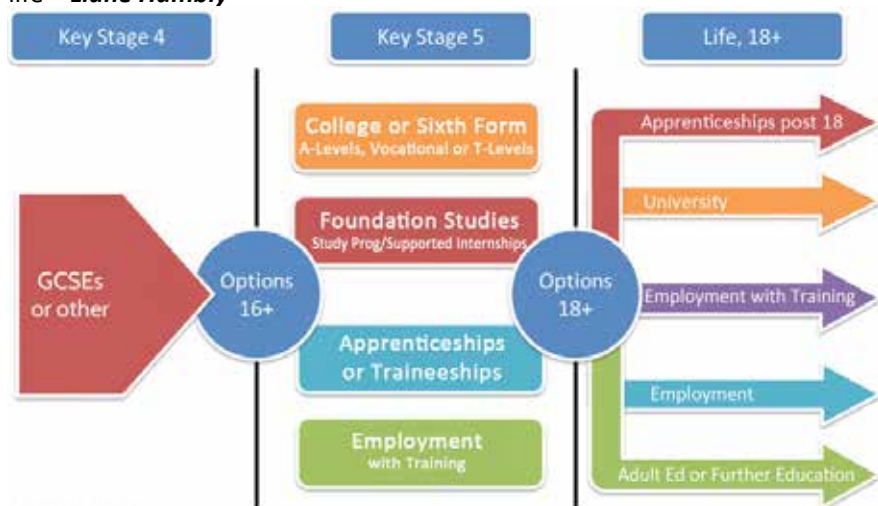


Happy Easter

## Careers News

### What is Careers?

It's about young people finding purpose, discovering what matters to them, their place in the world, the point of studying and getting up in the morning. It can give hope, meaning, purpose, self esteem and the ability to navigate the challenges of life ~ *Liane Hambly*



Check out our  
Careers page on  
the Academy's  
website. You can  
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Clicking on the  
Curriculum tab.

If you have any  
questions or ideas  
please get in  
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