



3 January 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the new academic year. I would like to extend a special welcome to our new families. I hope that your child has enjoyed the orientation programme held this week and making new friends.

Please find some information below for the start of the 2025 academic year.

School Commencement

Monday 6 January

8:00am – 8:40am – All students in Sports Hall for Assembly.

8.40am to 9.45am -Students in House Tutor Homeroom.

9.45am onwards – Normal lessons commence.

Year 5 only: IB Induction 3:10pm to 4:10pm in Oldham Chapel.

Please note that returning students remain in the same Tutor group from the previous year.

Parent Handbook

The Parent Handbook for 2025 is now available on the school website. I would strongly recommend that you read it as it is a rich source of information about our school. The Handbook can be found on the school website under “Life at ACS -> Forms & Important Information” or through [this link](#).

Mobile Phones

In 2024 the school held a community wide survey regarding the use of mobile phones at school. The results indicated that the vast majority of the school community, including parents, were satisfied with the approach to mobile phone use at school. However, there was an underlying sentiment that mobile phone use at school should be reduced. Therefore, this year mobile phones are not permitted to be out of student bags during class time. This is not a big change from the former policy, however in the past they were allowed out at times where students did not have access due to their laptops being left at home, or the battery being flat. Under the new policy, students will not be permitted to use their phones as a backup device. Therefore, all students should make sure that they are responsible in bringing their laptops to school and ensure that they are fully charged.

In addition to this change in policy, the school has also purchased Yondr pouches for students who do not follow the policy. To see what a Yondr pouch is, please see the following [website](#). Students who use their mobile phones when they shouldn't, including assembly and chapel may have their phone put in a Yondr pouch which means that they cannot use it for the rest of the school day. At the end of the day, the student will be able to unlock the pouch at the school's front office and regain access to their phone.

Year 1 Parent Tutor Night

Year 1 parents mark your calendars for Wednesday 22 January where you can meet your child's House Tutor on campus at 5pm and learn more about the school, the House System, and Pastoral Care.

IBDP Results 2024

ACS (International) congratulates the Graduating Class of 2024 on their outstanding IBDP results. The cohort had a 100% pass rate and achieved an average score of 38.45 points which is expected to rise after re-marks are complete. 97.3% of our students achieved scores over the IB World Average of 29.2 points, with 44.57% gaining a score of over 40 points. We are particularly proud of the three students who received a perfect score of 45 points.

The staff at ACS (International) are looking forward to welcoming all students back for the start of the academic year. We wish our students every success as they embark on their studies in 2025.

Yours sincerely,



Gavin Kinch
Principal