

GREAT WYRLEY ACADEMY NEWS

WELCOME TO THE NEW MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Safety of our Students

Staying Safe over the School Holidays

It is really important to be safe over the summer holidays and I would like to share the following information with you so you can discuss this with your child/ren.

General safeguarding advice:-

- Where possible travel with friends.
- Remember stranger danger from junior school.
- Do not advertise expensive equipment, particularly when you travel.
- Report concerns to parents.
- Keep your social media profiles private.
- Never agree to meet someone you don't know.
- Remember a digital footprint lasts forever.
- Don't swim in open waters

Why not use the Hollie's Guard App? Several Police forces in the UK recommend using the Hollie Guard app to turn your smartphone into a personal protection device. The app lets you send a subtle alert and recording to designated contacts if you are in danger. To use it simply have it open in the background when you are walking somewhere and if anything worrying happens then shake the phone and it will subtly send your location details and a recording of what is happening to the designated contacts that you have set up.

MR BOURNE

Lockdown Procedure

The school has been reviewing its internal policies and procedures linked to lockdown. This has included the students hearing the tone inside school and being reminded of the process they should follow if this happens. Can we take this opportunity to remind parents that if a lockdown is initiated please do not ring the school. In order to be able to communicate with appropriate agencies we need the phone lines to be clear. Any information required by parents will be shared quickly once things are resolved.

MR BOURNE



Permission to Leave School Site

In a change to recent procedures, as of September, students will not be allowed to leave the school site for any reason unless they are collected by parents or a designated adult. The decision has been taken after reviewing incidents at other schools where students have been allowed to leave the school site for medical reasons or for appointments but have had issues or complications after leaving the school site and no one has known where these students are. In order to maintain the safety of students, we feel we need to bring this change into place.

MR BOURNE



Celebrating our Students

Annual Awards Evening



Thursday 4 July saw our Annual Awards Evening take place in the school theatre. Seventy-eight students received awards from their subjects and houses for their effort and attainment over the course of the year. The evening was a huge success and everyone involved including the students families enjoyed celebrating this with them.

MR STUDHOLME



Excellence Academy

The Excellence Academy curriculum enhancement programme launched two years ago, has provided our higher ability students with some invaluable additional learning opportunities. We have had flourishing groups in years 7 and 8 who have enjoyed an array of activities throughout the course of this academic year, culminating in the rocket launch finale last week lead by Mr Baker and the Design & Technology department.

Over the two years the students have visited a host of external establishments and had sessions delivered at school on philosophy, the trench experiences of WW1, creative writing workshops, economic enterprise, mathematical challenges and many more. The nature of the EA programme will change next academic year - more information on that will be sent out in due course, however I would like to take this opportunity to praise the excellence of the participating students and to thank the staff and our many external speakers who delivered on the programme. You are all officially excellent!!

MRS BROAD WOOD

The Impact of the Student Senate This Year

2018 marked the start of a new era for our students at Great Wyrley Academy, the opportunity to become part of the WAT Student Senate! Our Senate officially began last October where students were nominated by their peers in their form groups. They started this new journey by attending a Student Senate Summit in November with all of the other Senators in Windsor Academy Trust. We gained a lot of insight and inspiration from this event about what the Senate can do in our school. The Senate decided the primary focus for the first year should be getting involved more with the community and specifically on some environmental projects. We collaborated with a local Primary School – St Thomas More and the students helped clean up our school site.

It was a great opportunity to act as role models for younger students and to develop their leadership skills. They followed this by attending an intergenerational afternoon tea at Great Wyrley Community Centre. They enjoyed tea and cake, talking and learning with everyone. They enjoyed the Great British Spring Clean and spent a morning out and about on the streets of Great Wyrley, picking up as much litter as they could. They filled at least 6 bags full of rubbish and sent it to be recycled. They have taken on board some opinions of the students and created a survey for students to complete.



The focus was safety in the corridors and the opinions from the survey have been taken on board and we have asked Y11 Prefects to patrol these areas during lesson changeovers and breaks/lunchtimes. They shared their ideas at another Student Senate Summit in June. They have lots of other good ideas too! New Senator applications will be open in September for any students who would like to join so watch this space for more details!

MS DAVIS

Attendance

Leave of Absence during Term Time

Great Wyrley Academy will continue to focus and push on attendance and punctuality next academic year. We would like to remind you that we expect children's attendance to be at 96% - this is also in line with government expectations. Currently we remain below this and need your continuing support to ensure we hit this important expectation. Thank you to those families who have been working hard to ensure their children's punctuality and attendance is high.

MRS HERRINGTON



The information below explains the Government's stance on unauthorised leave taken during term time and the penalty notices that all parents/carers (all those with parental responsibility, not just the parent taking them on holiday) potentially face, if their child/children miss school due to term time unauthorised leave of absence. We would ask that holidays are not booked during term time and we will not authorise holidays unless there are proven exceptional circumstances.

The information below is taken from the Government website which I have included here;

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

You have to get permission from the Headteacher if you want to take your child out of school during term time.

You can only do this if:

- You make an application to the Headteacher at least two weeks in advance (as a parent the child normally lives with)
- There are exceptional circumstances

It is up to the Headteacher how many days your child can be away from school if leave is granted.

You will be issued a penalty notice for taking your child/children on holiday during term time without the school's permission.

Penalty Notice

The local authority will give each parent a fine of £60, which rises to £120 each if you do not pay within 21 days. If you do not pay the fine after 28 days you may be prosecuted for your child's absence from school. The local authority can use various legal powers if your child is missing school without good reason. Penalty notices will be issued for unauthorised leave of absence and persistent leave of absence.

There are 175 non-school days a year to spend on family time, visits, holidays and other appointments.

The Newly Selected Prefects



Oscar McNally
Jack Gillespie
Phoebe Beech
Alex Rich
Riley Benton
Jack Patten



Arrangements for Returning to School

Timings of the School Day

08:40-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:50	Period 1
09:50-10:40	Period 2
10:40-11:00	Break
11:00-11:50	Period 3
11:50-12:40	Period 4
12:40-13:20	Lunch
13:20-14:10	Period 5
14:10-15:00	Period 6

School Transport

From September 2019, there will be some changes to the home to school transport service and the service will be provided by P & D York Travel and there will only be one coach, which will cover all stops previously on the two routes. Timings and routes are detailed in the information booklet and on our website. Students will only be permitted to travel on production of a valid pass for the Autumn Term.

For more details, please visit our school website or call us on 01922 419311.

MRS KAVANAGH

First Day Tutor Time

Please report to the following location at 08:40am on Tuesday 3 September

Year 7	Report to Theatre for Assembly led by Headteacher		
Year 8			
<i>Previous Tutor Group Name</i>	New Tutor Group Name	Tutor	Room
7A	8T (Tolkien)	Mrs Cornwall	Quad 12 (Q12)
7B	8A (Austen)	Mrs Ravenscroft	Quad 26 (Q26)
7C	8B (Bronte)	Mr Tindall	Science 3 (S3)
7D	8S (Shakespeare)	Miss Smith	Design Tech 6 (D6)
Year 9			
<i>Previous Tutor group name</i>	New Tutor Group Name	Tutor	Room
8A	9T (Tolkien)	Mr Stephenson	Science 2 (S2)
8B	9A (Austen)	Mrs Bajwa / Mrs Holme	Quad 21 (Q21)
8C	9B (Bronte)	Mr Dyke	Quad 24 (Q24)
8D	9S (Shakespeare)	Mrs Broad Wood / Mrs Poole	Quad 11 (Q11)

Year 10			
<i>Previous Tutor Group Name</i>	New Tutor Group Name	Tutor	Room
9A	10T (Tolkien)	Mr Till	Quad 22 (Q22)
9B	10A (Austen)	Mr Stevens	Quad 1 (Q1)
9C	10B (Bronte)	Miss Alton	Quad 3 (Q3)
9D	10S (Shakespeare)	Mr Baker	Design Tech 1 (D1)

Year 11			
<i>Previous Tutor Group Name</i>	New Tutor Group Name	Tutor	Room
10A	11T (Tolkien)	Mr Ryder	Quad 23 (Q23)
10B	11A (Austen)	Mr Blake	Science 6 (S6)
10C	11B (Bronte)	Mrs Gould	Quad 10 (Q10)
10D	11S (Shakespeare)	Mr Smith	Music 1 (M1)

Important Dates for the Autumn Term

Upcoming Dates	
3 September	Back to School
12 September	Y7 and Y12 Welcome Evening
13 September	School Photos
27 September	INSET DAY
22 October	Y11 and Y13 Reports
28 October	Half Term Starts
4 November	Back to School
4 – 15 November	Y11 Exams
21 November	Sixth Form Parents Evening
6 December	INSET DAY
Week Beginning 16 December	Progress Reports for Y7 – 710 and Y12
16 December	Carol Service
20 December	Break up from School



Uniform

We are proud of the improvements that have been made in the standard of uniform over the academic year and understand how employers value appearance and presentation in the workplace upon beginning in work. With this in mind we wanted to take the opportunity to remind parents of our uniform expectations which can also be found on the schools website.

All students need appropriate school shoes and those choosing to wear skirts must ensure they are of suitable length, which we deem to be knee length. Trousers should be black and tailored (skinny jeans, leggings or tight trousers are not acceptable). Other than a plain stud earring, piercings are not allowed in school. Any student wishing to have a piercing over the holiday will need this to be done at the start of the holiday as no piercings are permitted in school and would need to be removed before being allowed to class.

I would like to therefore ask that parents and carers use the summer break to ensure your child's uniform meets these essential standards as students not in correct uniform will not be prepared for excellence and cannot therefore be allowed in lessons.

MR BOURNE



- **Blazer:** Maroon, school badge on the pocket
- **School Jumper:** V neck maroon / black with school badge
- **Trousers:** Plain black, tailored (standard fit)
- **Skirt:** Plain black, knee length
- **Shirt:** White school shirt, capable of fastening to the neck
- **Tie:** House tie
- **Shoes:** Plain black, flat footwear, that can be polished (no trainers, pumps, velcro or any sports brands permitted)
- **Tights:** Natural, grey or black



Have a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing you in September!

