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Parent Bulletin - Friday 12th May 2023

Headteacher Update:

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you and your families enjoyed another lovely long bank holiday weekend. As you will have seen in last weeks bulletin we finished the week with a school treat to recognise the historical event that was taking place over the weekend. Collectively the students at GWA produced a fantastic mural which is now pride of place in the ADT department. A brilliant effort from all of the students.

This week we have had two main foci - The first being the final preparation and countdown before Year 11 start their exams next week. Students have been attending revision sessions, completing revision through Century Tech and participating in "Operation Smash it" which is our Trust wide intervention in the core subjects. Students are working hard to make every single lesson count. We are so proud of how Year 11 are coping with the build up and pressure of what is a stressful time in their school career. We are here to support however we can so if you feel that any more can be done to help your child in school please contact Mrs McCarthy in the first instance who will be more than happy to help guide you through the options we have to help support even further. Exam timetables and revision timetables have all been shared previously with parents and carers. Students can access all of this information on their google classroom. We have everything crossed for you Year 11.

Our second focus this week has been preparing for our first ever Trust wide fundraiser. As you will know on Saturday 13th May myself, Mr Studholme and Mrs McCarthy will be taking part in "WAT A RUN". We are thrilled to be part of this exciting event. The challenge is two marathons in two days. 40 staff from across the WAT family are running either the full route or different stages between schools.

WAT a Run is our first family fundraiser to help raise funds for the newly-established WAT Community Foundation. The money raised will go towards helping young people and their families in our communities, whether that's funding club memberships for young people, providing funding for community projects that support young people or donating to charities and causes we care about in our school communities. We've seen incredible support already, with donations coming in which is fantastic. If you haven't yet, please consider making a [DONATION HERE](#)

To support the fundraiser students have been taking part in "Move around May" an initiative to get all students on the move, this week's daily task has been the daily mile in their PE lessons. Students have fully embraced this challenge and we have seen some exceptional mile times in each year group.

The first marathon which will take place on Saturday 13th May will finish at Great Wyrley Academy, we are expecting runners to arrive at GWA from 3.30pm onwards. If you would like to come and support those arriving we would love you to come and join us to cheer them on from the sidelines from 3.15pm onwards.

I will leave you now to read through the rest of the bulletin. As always, Thank you for all your support.

Kind regards



Mrs K Moore
Headteacher

School / Subject Events for this week:

History tour of the WW1 Battlefields and memorial sites. All 2024's Y9 and GCSE history students have been invited to participate in a tour of the battlefields in Northern Europe and other sites associated with World War 1. The trip will take place in the week preceding the October half term holiday and will be led by Mrs Broad Wood, the subject leader for history. Amongst others we will be visiting the Lochnagar crater, the Tyne Cot cemetery, the Thiepval Memorial and taking part in the daily Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate. Further details have been sent to all parents of the students concerned via parent mail.

GWA Student Leadership applications: The GWA student leadership application process is now open! Student assemblies were led by Miss Smith last week introducing our leadership opportunities for next academic year 2023/24. These are: Student council senate members Y7-11, head roles Y11 only and our Subject Champion roles Y7-11. Please encourage our young people to apply in writing by the 12th June.

There is an assignment in each of the year group classrooms where applications can be uploaded and the assembly is attached also for parents to read the information and watch video resources that focus on what GREAT leadership is. Please help us to support the process.

English Literature Quiz: 47 Year 11 students took part in a two hour literature quiz on Thursday evening. The tough 10 rounds tested their knowledge and understanding of Macbeth and were rewarded with pizza halfway through the quiz for their efforts. Let's smash that literature exam and a massive well done to everyone that attended.

PE WAT a RUN support: In PE lessons students have been supporting the trust wide charity fundraiser by completing a full mile in the fastest time possible with the fastest mile recorded for each Year group. Awards were also given out to students linked to our character virtues. Student participation was fantastic and they should be really proud of what they have achieved.

The Results are in...

Last week I informed you that 7M1 and 8M1 took part in this year's UKMT Junior Maths Challenge on Wednesday 26th April. I'm very excited to announce the results.

Year 7: Harry Ridgway Silver Award (Best in Year), Joshua Niles Silver Award, Alfie

Loverock Bronze Award, Marley Leasing Bronze Award, Joshua Palmer Bronze Award, Lydia Dutton Bronze Award, Phoebe Foster Bronze Award

Year 8: Freya Lane Silver Award (Best in school), Cristian Bulai Silver Award, Courtney Shaw Bronze Award, Tyler Sheldon Bronze Award, Khyran Watkiss Bronze Award

A big well done also to Eloane Boyi, Isaac Kneller, Niki Sykorova, Abigail Nutting who just missed out on a bronze award by 2 marks!! Well done to all that took part the test was difficult and you all showed resilience whilst taking part. I'm extremely proud of you all.

Mrs Salter

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Curriculum Updates for this week:

Year 10 Mock Examinations: During the Summer term all students in year 10 will be completing their first set of Mock examinations. This will be an assessment on what they have learnt so far in KS4. The examinations will take place between 15th June and 23 June. It would be a good idea for students to start creating a revision timetable for these examinations.

Year 11 Science Videos: The Director of Science for WAT has created some videos for students to help prepare for their upcoming examinations. The videos focus on the most transferable skills across all 6 Science examinations 'working scientifically' and 'maths skills'. The topic of each video is that of a required practical. [Science - Accelerated Learning Videos](#)

YEAR 11 PARENTS - FREE WEBINAR

Upcoming webinar for parents: [How to Help Your Child Manage Their Stress & Wellbeing](#)

We're excited to announce that Elevate Education's second free webinar of the Summer Term will be taking place on Tuesday 23rd May.

Elevate Education works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series you will learn how you can help better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school:

Tuesday 23rd May (6-7pm)

[How to Help Your Child Manage Their Stress & Wellbeing](#)

[Click here to register for free](#)

In this webinar, Elevate will be showing parents:

- ✓ How to spot your child's stress symptoms early
- ✓ How to start a conversation about emotional wellbeing
- ✓ Techniques your child can use to self-manage stress

[Click here to register for free](#)

Student Services Updates for this week:

Great Wyrley Academy students have received over 2500 aspire points this week. The top 3 character virtues and learner skills demonstrated this week are **self-quizzing**, being **respectful** and **communicating clearly**. They have demonstrated a great deal of respect for each other and self-quizzed to improve their knowledge and understanding of key topics.



Communicate clearly	367
Respectful	344
Self-quizz	327
Responsible	300
Be organised	231
Be collaborative	204
Become unstuck	200
Resilient	197
Creative	144
Courageous	105
Give and receive feedback	104
Compassionate	34
Total	2557

Aspire Points - Top 10 Students

Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11	
Olivia Billett	16	Kirsty Walters	19	Amelia Stokes	15	Olivia Hayward	7	Reese Lander-King	8
Isabella Arrowsmith	15	Brandon Collins	18	Georgia Dolman	14	Madeline Stanton	7	Tayla Homer	7
Poppy Wootton	15	Alex Delaney	18	Billy Robinson	14	Tamzin Booth	6	Katie Miller	6
Lily-Rose Challinor	14	Ava Walker	18	Benjamin Spooner	14	Katie Dutton	6	Cameron Reaney	6
Lydia Dutton	13	Jorja-Jo Johnston	16	Kasey Ebbans	13	Abigail Follows	6	Lucy Emery	5
Amelia Gray-Davis	13	James Parker	15	Thomas Pearson	13	Sophie Forrester	6	Thomas Galloway	5
Joshua Palmer	13	Dominic Stanton	15	Katie-Mae Rawlins	13	M'Ballou Kallon	6	Matty Jones	5
Lucy-May Hodgkiss	12	Champion Toyin-Balogun	15	Autumn Williams	13	Willow Llewellyn	6	Samuel Lee	5
Finley Rayer	12	Freya Lane	14	Katie Copeland	12	Taylor Whittle	6	Tyler Palmer	5
Saffron Stanton	12	Adonai Munemo	14	Tye Daley	12	Summa Williamson	6	Kyle Tierney	5