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## **Parent Bulletin - Friday 15th September 2023**

### **Headteacher Update:**

Dear Parents & Carers

I write to you at the end of the second week of the academic year and I am pleased to report that the high standards we saw in terms of uniform, behaviour and engagement amongst our students has continued. We have another record number of Aspire points being awarded across the Aspire framework. This week I met with some of those students who, at the end of last academic year, had received 500 Aspire points and so to recognise this huge milestone were presented with a Headteachers Award. The second round of presentations for the Headteachers Award will take place next week. This is a fantastic achievement, these students have throughout the year consistently met all expectations in and out of the classroom and have demonstrated those character virtues and learner skills at every opportunity. These students and their families should be extremely proud of this huge achievement.

The extra curricular activities have commenced this week and again, we have seen a record number of students who have been attending the clubs. There are still however a number of students that have not signed up to a club. We would really like to see everyone involved in at least one type of extra curricular activity. If there is no club that is of interest to your child then please encourage them to tell their form tutor and we will endeavour to make this happen within reason. To follow on from this, I am making a plea to all our families, if you are interested in offering students at GWA an extracurricular activity please register your interest using the link below and a member of the team will be in touch.  
<https://forms.gle/GK6awnXaG189kjQT7>.

I would like to finish by discussing attendance at school. As you will be well aware, school attendance is imperative. There is a direct link between school attendance and progress. Simply put, if students are not in lessons then they are missing a vital key component of knowledge for that subject leaving a gap in their knowledge. When those gaps in knowledge occur students will struggle to complete assessments etc and so quickly fall behind. Students who miss school are also more likely to struggle socially. It is important that your child understands fully the importance of attending school. Our attendance team is on hand to support any concerns you might have around your child's attendance. If your child is absent from school then please make sure that this is reported the morning of the absence. To further support this we are launching our new parent app called "studybugs" which is a new secure way to record your child's absence due to illness. Further details on how to access this are found further in the bulletin.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Moore

Mrs K Moore  
Headteacher

### School Events for this week:

**Student Senate** - Today Mrs Moore met with the student leadership team - The School Senate. I would like to introduce the members of the senate to you. Students from Year 7 will be selected for student senate next week. We look forward to welcoming them to the senate team.

Senate member	Year
Cele Shian (Head Girl)	11
Whitlock Oliver (Head Boy)	11
Llewellyn Willow (Deputy Lead)	11
Lloyd Ellie (Deputy Lead)	11
Cox AJ	11
Kayode Yvone	11
Keenan Maddison	11
Brittle Will	10
Parker Christian	10
Robinson Billy	10
Stokes Amelia	10
Buckley Nathan	9
Dutton Lydia	8
Evans Riley	8
Jarvis Oliver	8
Kendrick Thomas	8

### Times Table Rockstars



Did you know that all students in Year 7, 8 and 9 have access to Times Tables Rockstars?

Times Tables Rock Stars is a maths programme that takes all the worry out of learning times tables and has a proven track record of boosting children's fluency and recall in multiplication and division. Students can download the app onto their iPads and usernames and passwords are available from their maths teachers.

Last year Jayden Element-Stretton stayed top of the fastest time leaderboard all year! On average Jayden completes each question in 0.53 seconds - that's fast!! Regan Burton and Charlie French battled it out to be at the top of the lifetime earnings leaderboard with Charlie French being the overall winner. If you think you're faster than Jayden or can earn more than Regan and Charlie then make sure you are logging in.

Make sure you are completing questions next week to earn points for your house in the house competitions!

**English:** KS3 students will be attending a school trip to the Black Country Living Museum where they will enhance their knowledge of The Industrial Revolution in preparation for studying literature texts. This trip has generated much more interest than we anticipated so, we intend to run the trip again in the summer term. We look forward to seeing the pictures next week.

Please click here to go to the [News and blog page](#) of the website

### Curriculum Updates for this week:

A reminder that homework has been set today that is due in on Thursday 28th September

#### Student and Parent app for Homework on Classcharts

If your school has decided to share homework with pupils, you will see the [Homework](#) tab in your account.

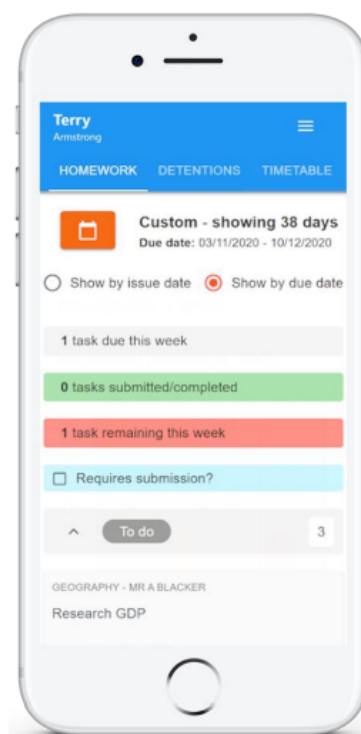
Selecting this tab will display a list of the [homework tasks](#) which you have been given.

To change the date range for displayed homework tasks, click on the orange [Date](#) button.

To display tasks in the order they were set, click on the [Issue Date](#) button

To display tasks in the order they are expected to be handed in, click on the [Due date](#) button.

To mark a homework task as completed, view the homework task of your choice in more detail and tick the [Completed?](#) checkbox.



Students will be given a walkthrough of this in their assembly next week

### What are we studying in English in Cycle 1?

Year 7: What makes us human?

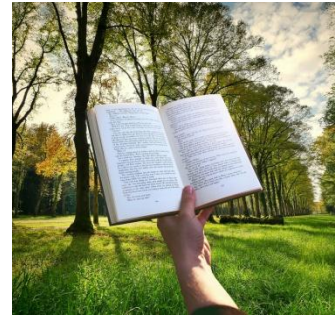
Year 8: How do our experiences of the world shape who we really are?

Year 9: What does it mean to be free?

Year 10: An Inspector Calls

Year 11: Reading Comprehension

[English Learning Journey](#)



### What are we studying in History in Cycle 1?

Year 7: The Last Conqueror - Normans

Year 8: Monarchy - The Civil War

Year 9: Causes and events of WW1

Year 10: Health and the people (AQA paper 2)

Year 11: Conflict and tension (AQA paper 1) - League of Nations

[History Learning Journey](#)

### What are we studying in Drama in Cycle 1?

Year 7: Greek myths and legends

Year 8: Devising from stimuli - Miners strike

Year 9: Devising from stimuli - Hillsborough disaster

Year 10: Performance Skills and Techniques ("Simon")

Year 11: Component 1 Examination Prep - Blood Brothers



[Drama Learning](#)

## Student Services Updates for this week:

Great Wyrley Academy students have received 8576 aspire points this week. The top 3 character virtues and learner skills demonstrated this week are **communicating clearly, being organised and being respectful**.



Communicate clearly	762
Be organised	568
Responsible	341
Respectful	308
Resilient	281
Become unstuck	268
Be collaborative	255
Creative	232
Self-quiz	146
Give and receive feedback	97
Compassionate	52
Courageous	41

## Top Aspire Points

Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11	
Aidrienne Rocks	7Z 34	Elliot Lunt	8W 33	Brandon Collins	9X 27	Amelia Brotherton	10X 46	Katie Dutton	11X 44
Bella Davies	7X 32	Freya Preston	8Y 32	A-Jay Daley	9Y 23	Kenzie-Jay Taylor	10X 42	Shaian Cele	11Z 31
Cole Lines	7Y 32	Leo Orme	8W 31	Samuel Kayode	9X 23	Akyla Lee-Clarke	10X 41	Summa Williamson	11Z 29
Mini Bowyer	7Y 31	Dylan Mowe-Hull	8W 26	Tyler Sheldon	9W 23	Kasey Ebbans	10X 40	George Cartwright	11Z 28
Bailee Martin	7X 31	Layla Spink	8X 26	Megan Asbury	9X 22	Georgia Despotaki	10X 39	Jessica Hulse	11Z 28
Evie Plummer	7Y 31	Amy-Lee Evans	8Y 25	Chloe Salter	9W 22	Bethany Robins	10X 39	Libby Tooker	11Z 28
Bradley Randell	7W 29	Olivia Ward	8Y 25	Cristian Bulai	9X 21	Millie Barker	10X 38	Marley Dowding-Morton	11Y 26
Louie Russell	7X 29	Xander Gillion	8Y 23	Louisa Dudley-Mowe	9X 21	Solomon Bradley	10X 38	Millie Keenan	11Z 26
Jaquan Brooks	7X 28	Lucy-May Hodgkiss	8Y 23	Aurelia Gryska	9W 21	Owen Junior Firkin	10X 36	Stephen Woodhall	11Z 26
Avary-Lea Fletcher	7X 28	Reuben Hunt	8W 23	Harvey Leek	9X 21	Owen Hardaker	10X 35	Skye Lockett	11Z 25
Evie-Mai Lloyd	7W 28	Elliott Nye	8Y 23	Jayden Tranter	9Y 21			Ava Moseley	11Z 25
Ollie Potter	7Z 28	Lacey Warke	8Y 23						

A big well done to AMELIA BROTHERTON (10Z) for being BEST IN SCHOOL for the most ASPIRE POINTS.

## Form tutors - Your first point of contact:

Last week we discussed the role that form tutors play in supporting you and your child. We know that it is pivotal and they are your first point of contact and the best way to contact them during the working day is via email or by contacting the main school reception.

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## Studybugs – report absence securely and help improve children’s health

We’re pleased to announce that Great Wyrley is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child’s absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

If you haven’t already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child’s ill and unable to attend school.

[Get the app or register now](https://studybugs.com/about/parents) (https://studybugs.com/about/parents)

### Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It’s integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It’s quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You’ll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations [improve children’s health](#).

(<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)



The graphic features a white bird-like character holding a blue envelope, set against a blue background with clouds. Below the illustration, the text reads: 'Please get the free Studybugs app for reporting your child’s absence due to illness.' The website URL 'https://studybugs.com' is displayed in a large font. Below the URL are three buttons: 'Download on the App Store', 'GET IT ON Google Play', and 'Get it from Microsoft'. Further down, the text states: 'Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children’s health', 'See what illnesses are going around', and 'Secure system, all communications encrypted'. At the bottom, it says 'Working in partnership with:' followed by logos for NHS, Brighton and Sussex medical school, Brighton & Hove City Council, and EPI concept. The Studybugs logo with a green cross icon is on the right.

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