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## **Parent Bulletin - Friday 16th June 2023**

### **Headteacher Update:**

Dear Parents & Carers

We come to the end of yet another week as we continue to catapult towards the end of the academic year. With only 5 weeks left school has been a really busy place with lots of wonderful things happening.

Firstly, Can I say a huge thank you to you and the students for how they have approached this week following our decision to allow students to remove their blazer. Students have made sure that they have remained smart, but cool and have made sure that standards and expectations are high. So, we will continue with this rule for another week and review again next Friday. I have had some really mature conversations with students this week, in particular the boys about whether or not they can wear shorts. I would like to take this opportunity to say that we will of course allow students to wear tailored shorts to school with their school shoes and socks. (Images in the student services section) I must stress that cycling shorts, sports shorts or any other kind of shorts are not permitted and students will not be allowed into the school population if they do not follow these guidelines. I hope that I can rely on your support with this.

Year 10 students commenced their mock exams this week. As usual, students have gone into this exam motivated and ready to do well and we wish them all the best and look forward to our mock results day.

Yesterday afternoon I attended a trust wide event which involved nearly 50 of our students. The WAT Musical Celebration Event was the finale following our involvement in the Arts Connect Project led by Mrs Down and Mr Smith. The students composed their own song and sang this to the other nine schools in the trust. They showed real courage and resilience whilst singing to over 300 people. They should be extremely proud of what they have achieved.

I will leave you to read through the rest of the bulletin, as always, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs K Moore  
Headteacher

## School Events for this week:

**HISTORY:** Y10 history students have been actively revising for their Y10 mock exams in GCSE history in their class revision sessions all week. They took part in a whole class group answer focused upon how to respond to the big 20 mark essay question. Mrs Broad Wood has been impressed by the positive attitudes towards learning that have been demonstrated in these sessions.

Students accompanying the WW1 Battlefields tour are actively selecting what colour hoody they wish to order, a top 3 will be decided at the end of June and voting for the group's favourite final colour will take place at that point. Current front runners are; red hot chilli, dusty green and French navy blue.

**English:** 47 Year 7 students will be visiting Gatehouse Theater to watch a performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.' They have been studying this text since April and will benefit from this live performance. Students will be able to take snacks to the performance to give them a real experience of what a night at the theatre really looks like. The performance will give them a deeper understanding of the texts that they are studying, will enhance their knowledge of Shakespeare and develop their cultural capital.

**Maths:** Year 11 had their final Maths revision booster on Tuesday. They were incredibly focussed in working on predicted topics that could appear on the final paper ready for the final exam the following day. Fantastic Effort Year 11!

**Maths:** The Advanced Mathematics Support Programme (AMSP) have produced an exciting magazine for young mathematicians, designed to inspire the next generation of young people.

In this issue you can learn about 'Maths Anxiety' and hear from students and their experiences of post-16 maths. There are also some great maths jokes!

Students can access the magazine through google classrooms and there is a copy also attached.

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## Curriculum Updates for this week:

### What is the threshold curriculum?

In Years 7, 8 and 9 at Great Wyrley Academy, students study the Windsor Academy Trust Threshold Curriculum.

The Threshold Curriculum builds upon the Key Stage 2 primary curriculum and places the most fundamental parts of each subject at the core of learning in lessons. Students study a variety of challenging and engaging topics that incorporate the key ideas and skills that they need to progress in each subject. These are called the Threshold Concepts. Our curriculum will provide the platform in preparing students with the foundations for future examination success.

### Subjects taught in Key Stage 3

Maths, English, Science, MFL (French), Geography, History, RE, PE, Technology, Art, Music, Drama, PSHCE (Including Relationships and Sex Education)

[WAT Curriculum](#)

## Student Services Updates for this week:

Great Wyrley Academy students have received over 1500 aspire points this week. The top 3 character virtues and learner skills demonstrated this week are being **responsible**, being **respectful** and being **resilient**. They have demonstrated a great deal of resilience in overcoming some challenging problem solving in their lessons.



Responsible	258
Resilient	206
Respectful	194
Communicate clearly	191
Be collaborative	159
Self-quiz	158
Be organised	152
Creative	145
Give and receive feedback	111
Become unstuck	84
Compassionate	17
Courageous	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>1691</b>

## Aspire Points: Top 10 Students

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

**Uniform changes** - Blazers for the week commencing 19th June are not compulsory but shirts and ties must be worn.

Students are able to wear shorts but they must be tailored shorts and cycline, sports or other shorts are not allowed. These can be grey or black

