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Parent Bulletin - Friday 19th May 2023

Headteacher Update:

Dear Parents & Carers

As you will know following my communication with you on Tuesday, we received the very sad news that one of our Year 10 students, Ellie Carpenter, has died suddenly. Ellie was a kind, eloquent and bright young lady who will be warmly remembered by everybody within our school community. This week students and staff have demonstrated real community spirit and have pulled together to support and be kind to one another. Students have shown real resilience and compassion in what has been a really difficult time.

We have had our emotional support team with us this week who have been supporting all students and staff. They have had access to this support throughout the school day and we will continue to offer this support for as long as necessary. I have had some really good questions from parents around how best to support students at home around the topic of death and the emotions that this may evoke. Our emotional support team have signposted a few really useful resources that you as a parent or carer may want to read through.

<https://www.childbereavementuk.org/secondary-schools>

<https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/bereavement-resources-for-parents-and-school-staff/>

As per the families wishes, we are going to open our book of remembrance at the start of next week. Students and staff will be given an opportunity to spend time writing their thoughts, messages and reflections to go into the book of remembrance if they so wish. We will then at the right time, pass this onto the family for them to read through and keep.

As ever, the partnership between school and families is essential and I cannot thank you enough for all of your support and understanding this week. I will leave you to read through the rest of the bulletin, I hope that you have a lovely weekend with your families and will write to you next Friday as we end the half term

Kind regards

Mrs Moore

Mrs K Moore
Headteacher

School Events for this week:

Year 11 and Year 13 exams have started off exceptionally well. Students have been focused and motivated going into those exams and we wish them the very best of luck over the remaining few weeks.

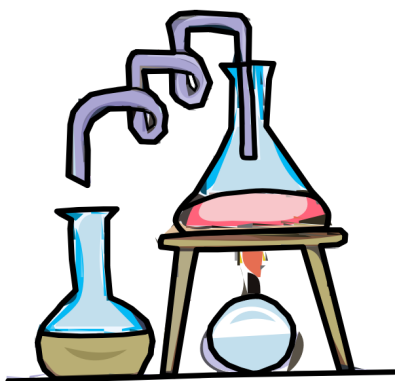
A Quiz night, run by the English department, was held for year 11 students to aid in the revision of their GCSE English Literature texts. The evening consisted of four rounds of quiz questions based on recall of key knowledge from; Macbeth, An Inspector Calls, Poetry and Jekyll and Hyde. The event was a huge success with a great turn out and students thoroughly enjoyed the experience! Congratulations to the winning team 'The Incognitos' and a massive well done to all the students who attended.

Preparations for the Arts Connect Music project were progressing well this week as 30 students were involved in rehearsing their acapella performance with the visiting Musician Paul Wilcox alongside Mr Smith.

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

Curriculum Updates for this week:

What are we covering this Cycle in Science?



Year 7: Seeing, hearing and getting into space (Physics)
Year 8: Reactivity, separation and the earth (Chemistry)
Year 9: Energy and mathematical skills (Physics)
Year 10: Bioenergetics, chemical changes, energy changes and atomic structure
Year 11: Final preparation for the examinations

[Biology Learning Journey](#)
[Chemistry Learning Journey](#)
[Physics Learning Journey](#)

What are we covering this Cycle in Art?

Year 7: Optical illusions
Year 8: Steampunk hats
Year 9: Music and dreams
Year 10: Project 3 - Still Life
Year 11: Final preparation for the examinations

[Art KS3 Learning Journey](#)
[Art KS4 Learning Journey](#)



Helping Year 11's with revision as parents

As our students begin their final GCSE examinations, we know what an incredibly anxious time this can be for families.

Encouragement from family members is incredibly important in ensuring our young people succeed. However, it can sometimes be difficult to know how best to support your child in getting ready for their exams. To help, we have attached a short revision guide to this bulletin for parents with some ideas on positive actions to take and links to additional reading.

While some of the advice may seem common sense, consistency is key. Making sure your child is getting enough sleep and eating a healthy diet will have a hugely positive impact on their overall performance and wellbeing.

We have also attached to the email a Parent Revision Guide which you can use to help support your child.

Student Services Updates for this week:

Great Wyrley Academy students have received over 2700 aspire points this week. The top 3 character virtues and learner skills demonstrated this week are being **respectful, communicating clearly** and **responsibility**. They have demonstrated **respect** to each other and the wider community by tackling issues in a sensitive manner in what has been an extremely difficult week. They have taken **responsibility** in looking after each other and being kind to one another. Well done to all for being so **courageous** this week.



Respectful	525
Communicate clearly	403
Responsible	337
Resilient	284
Be organised	233
Creative	230
Self-quiz	222
Be collaborative	168
Become unstuck	143
Give and receive feedback	68
Compassionate	60
Courageous	43
Total	2716

Aspire Points: Top 10 Students

Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11	
Amelia Gray-Davis	25	Jake Lane	18	Georgia Despotaki	13	Katie Dutton	14	Lily Pearce	14
Noah Poole	23	Cristian Bulai	17	Thomas Pearson	13	Willow Llewellyn	10	Sage Hands	10
Olivia Billett	19	Brandon Collins	16	Connor Burke	12	Fiona Peakman	10	Liam Horton	8
Ollly Delaney	19	Kyle Thompson	16	Ashley Dawkins	11	Lewis France	9	Harvey Jays	7
Leah Cartwright	18	Frankie Willetts	16	Robyn Geddes	11	Millie Keenan	9	Reese Lander-King	7
Lily-Rose Challinor	18	Megan Asbury	14	Georgia Dolman	10	Madeline Stanton	9	Cameron Reaney	7
Jake Lane	18	Alex Delaney	14	Liv Price	10	Alfie Babb	8	Libby Aldridge	6
Noah Bellingham	17	Louisa Dudley-Mowe	14	Amelia Stokes	10	Harry Bowles	8	Lucy Aston	6
Cristian Bulai	17	Jorja-Jo Johnston	14	William Brittle	9	Eva Nightingale	8	Isabelle Burgess	6
Lydia Dutton	16	Maisie Jones	14	Zac Davis	9	Roxylee Orme	8	Phoebe Hall	6