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Parent Bulletin - Friday 1st March 2024

Headteacher Update:

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope that you all had a lovely week. I have to start by talking about the success of last night's Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening. Attendance was the highest it has ever been with nearly 70% of all students attending. Year 9 students have been in special assemblies all week where they have been learning more about the 15 different courses we have to offer students going into Year 9 this academic year. Thursday evening was another opportunity for them to ask further questions and speak to the subject teachers of the courses that have really taken their interest. A reminder that all course information can be found on our website [here](#) including how to complete your google form to register your interest in the different courses. If you or students have any questions or queries please ask them to speak to their form tutor or Head of Year Mrs Drury who will be more than happy to help and support. Finally, I would like to thank our School Senate and Year 7 students who supported the evening. They were a real credit to the school, meeting and greeting, providing refreshments and answering queries and questions about courses. Aspire points will be awarded for this on Monday for representing the school. Thank you and WELL DONE to all those involved.

This week we have also seen another record number of Aspire points being awarded for both our character and learner virtues. Students continue to accrue those Aspire points which they can exchange for different rewards which are displayed in the rewards section of classcharts. Whilst we are on the topic of rewards, the students in a student voice have asked for a reward shop. Myself and the Student Senate have been planning on how and when we can open an on school reward shop. The Senate has started the process by sending out student surveys to find out what types of things they would like to exchange their Aspire points for e.g stationary, confectionery, books etc. Once we have this information we will look at stocking it and setting up the shop on the school site which will be run by the Student Senate. More information on this will follow shortly but we are hopeful we can get this up and running for May half term.

I would like to finish this week by wishing all of Year 11 the very best of luck as they embark on their final set of mock examinations. We look forward to seeing how well they do. Remember there is free breakfast available for everyone in the school canteen every morning which finishes at 8.35am.

I will leave you now to read through the rest of the bulletin

Mrs K Moore
Headteacher

School Events for this week:

5 A-SIDE GIRLS. FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Date: Friday 8th March 2024.

Venue: MUGA

Time: 3- 4pm.

Open to all year groups. You can choose your own team.

House points for everybody that takes part.



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YEAR 11 PARENTS

Dear Parents,

We're excited to announce that Elevate Education will be hosting their next parent webinar on exam preparation on March 5th.

Elevate works with our students, delivering high-impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series, you'll learn how you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.

Sign up for the session below to learn how you can maximise your child's marks in exams by helping them to prioritise the work that really matters over the next few weeks.

[How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams](#)

[Tuesday 5th March 6:00-7:00pm \(GMT\)](#)

[Click here to register for free](#)

Whistler Young Referee Programme.

Well done to the Year 7 and 8 girls who successfully completed the Whistler Young Referee Programme. The girls attended a course with 10 other schools in Stafford on Friday 23rd February. They learnt the skills that referee's require to officiate successfully and got to put their refereeing abilities to the test with the help of a whistle, flag and red and yellow cards. I look forward to the girls helping to referee some games in lessons and extracurricular events in the future.



Winners of the Valentines Competition:

Some really creative responses from our Students at GWA this year.

Winners:

- 1- **Layla Spink** and her love heart Jelly Fish
- 2 - **Caelen Bowen** and his Intricate Fabric Flower
- 3 - **Abigail Nutting** and her Real Heart for Valentines

Runners Up:

Lexi Harrison and Megan Carter



PE, Sport and Dance

Girls Football:

Next week as part of the "Let Girls Play" initiative we will be running girls football sessions throughout the day and hosting a girls football competition after school on Friday 8th March. This will be lead by our newly trained football leaders as part of their recent qualification. Please join in and get involved to win house points.

Extra Curricular

Please remember that the following clubs are running every week in PE

Week A Monday Year 7 Football
Week B Monday Year 8/9 Football
Mondays - Netball (All Years girls)
Tuesdays - Ski Fit (until Easter)
Wednesdays - Basketball (All years, boys and girls)
Wednesdays - Girls football (All years)

Sport and Dance

Options assemblies have been taking place this week and many students have already enquired about both Sport and Dance which is great. Any questions please come and see myself and Mrs McCarthy to discuss. Please also look out for upcoming Dance taster sessions that we will be running.

Year 11 RE focus day:

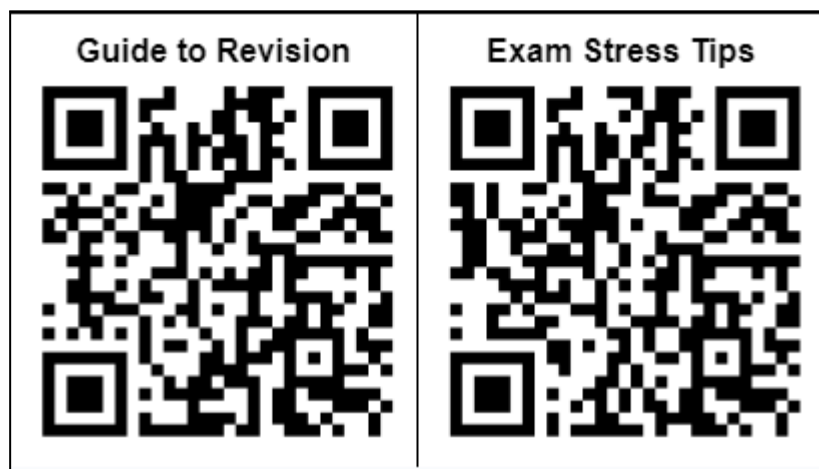
Last Friday Year 11 students were off timetable all day to embark on some intensive and focused revision for the upcoming exams.

Students were extremely motivated and looked at particular topics where there were knowledge gaps, exam tips and past papers. Students were also given tips on how to respond to the extended answers in the written paper. Mrs Rogers is very proud of you all. Good luck with the mock exams next week.

Year 11 mock exams

The week beginning 4th March is the last ever set of internal mock examinations for year 11. Students will be working hard all week to complete papers in all subjects.

Students are reminded that free breakfast is available every morning from the school canteen. Students are reminded to check their exam timetable and be on time to the start of the exams. Here is a link to revision padlets which give advice on how students should revise and how to support themselves mentally and physically. Students have been shared this already.



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




Curriculum Updates for this week:

Options

We have successfully informed all of our Year 9 students about the options available to them in KS4 this week. The Options form has been sent to parents and needs to be completed by Friday 15th March. There are videos explaining how to complete the form and also giving details of the courses on the following website <https://www.greatwyrleyacademy.org.uk/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/#options>

Homework

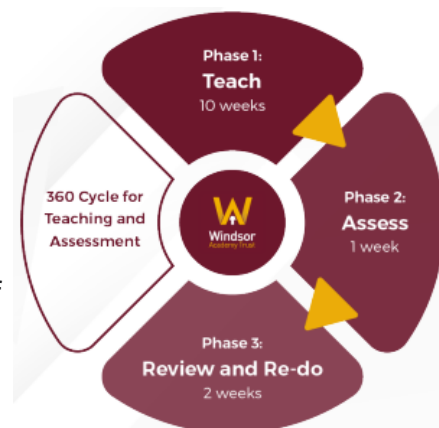
Once again, a huge thankyou for continuing to support our push to increase the completion of homework this year. Since September there have been 31,000 pieces of homework completed by students. PLease find the schedule for the remainder of the year

 Homework set		 Homework Due
Friday 1 March 2024	→	Thursday 14 March 2024
Friday 15 March 2024	→	Thursday 11 April 2024
Friday 12 April 2024	→	Thursday 25 April 2024
Friday 26 April 2024	→	Thursday 9 May 2024
Friday 10 May 2024	→	Thursday 23 May 2024
Friday 24 May 2024	→	Thursday 13 June 2024
Friday 14 June 2024	→	Thursday 27 June 2024
Friday 28 June 2024	→	Thursday 11 July 2024

Where are we in the Cycle?

Next week see Assessment week taking place in the Cycle for all of our students. Students will be completing Key Assessment Tasks (KAT's) in their lessons.

This will then be used to inform the next section of the Cycle, Review and Re-do



Extra Curricular Clubs Schedule

	Which club?	For which Year Groups?	With who?	Where?	At what time?
Monday	Eco Club	All	Mrs Holmes	S8	3-4pm
Monday	Junior Maths Challenge	7 and 8	Mr Frankham	Q7	3-4pm
Monday	Gaming Club	Invite only	Mr McFarlane/Mr Pattinson	Q23	Lunch
Monday	Netball	All	Mrs McCarthy	PE	3-4pm
Monday	Craft and Chat	All	Miss Chin/Miss Bray/Mrs Friel	B Block	3-4pm
	Which club?	For which Year Groups?	With who?	Where?	At what time?
Tuesday	Design and Technology Club	All	Mr Cooper	D1	3-4pm
Tuesday	Trading Card Club	All	Mr Perry and Mr Collins	B Block	3-4pm
Tuesday	Board Game Club	All	Mrs Rogers	Q10	Lunch
Tuesday (A)	Year 7 Boys Football	7	Mr Phillips	PE	3-4pm
Tuesday (B)	Year 8/9 Boys Football	8 and 9	Mr Phillips	PE	
Tuesday	Duke of Edinburgh Award	9 and 10	Mr Stephenson	Science	3-4pm
Tuesday	Art Club	All (NOW FULL)	Mrs Crabb	D7	3-4pm
Tuesday	Viva Voce	All	Mr Smith	M1	8-8.30am
Tuesday	Soul Band	Invite Only	Mr Smith	M1	3-4pm
	Which club?	For which Year Groups?	With who?	Where?	At what time?
Wednesday	Set Design Club	All	Mrs Down	D8	3-4pm
Wednesday	Mindfulness Colouring	All	Mrs Salter	Q5	3-4pm
Wednesday	Girls Football	All (Girls)	Mrs Fielder	PE	3-4pm
Wednesday	Basketball	All	Mr Phillips	PE	3-4pm

Wednesday	Food Club (6 weeks per Year Group)	Y7 Nov-Dec Y8 Jan-Feb Y9 Mar-Apr	Miss Smith and Ms Haddaway	D6	3-4pm
Wednesday	Drama Club	All	Miss Wilson	Theatre	3-4pm
	Which club?	For which Year Groups?	With who?	Where?	At what time?
Thursday	Table Tennis	All	Mr McFarlane	DT Line Up	3-4pm
Thursday	Gaming Club	Invite only	Mr McFarlane/Mr Pattinson	Q23	lunch
Thursday	Tennis Club	7, 8 & 9	Mrs Broad-Wood and Mr Toulson	Tennis Courts	Lunch (summer term)
Thursday	Ski Fit	All Skiers	Mrs Broad wood	Gym	Lunch (Spring term)
	Which club?	For which Year Groups?	With who?	Where?	At what time?
Friday (WEEK B)	History Film Club	All	Mrs Broad wood	Q12	Lunch
Friday	Key Stage 4 Football	10 and 11	Mr Fielder	PE	3-4pm
Friday	Running Club	All	Mr Tindall	Meet S6	3-4pm
Friday	Gardening Gurus	All	Mr Frost	Q6 and outside	Lunch

Century Tech Spring Challenge Week 1 Results

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1st	Logan Bayliss	Layla Spink	Angel Bingham	Lola Brown	Lewis France Cam Howell Heidi Akerman Daniel Lewis
2nd	Darcey Wooton	Ellie-Mae Clark	Kyon Vaughan	Riley Trow Freya Widdowson	Taylor Whittle
3rd	Rocky Mayfield	Jayden Kane Leo Orme	Henry Walker Kacey Barnard Courtney Shaw	Keira Mills	Teah Jones



HOLIDAY CLUB OPPORTUNITY OVER EASTER

Live in Staffordshire and
LOOKING FOR EXCITING
ACTIVITIES TO KEEP
CHILDREN ENTERTAINED
during Half Term?



**Arts & Crafts | Fun Games | Multi sports
| Music & Dance | Cooking
And a Lot More...**



**Free Spaces available for those on
benefits related free school meals!**



**25th - 28th March
10am-2pm**

As the Easter half term approaches, we have an exciting opportunity to keep your children engaged and entertained during their break. Our Easter Half Term Holiday Club is back, and we've got a fantastic lineup of activities and learning experiences planned.

- ☀ Dates: 25th March – 28th March
- ☀ Where: Beaudesert Activity Centre WS15 4JJ
- ☀ Time: 10:00am-2:00pm Daily

At our holiday club, we are dedicated to providing a safe, fun, and educational environment for children. Here's a sneak peek at what we have in store:

🎨 **Arts and Crafts:** Creative minds will flourish as children explore their artistic talents through various crafts and projects.

🌿 **Outdoor Adventures:** Let your children embrace the great outdoors with nature walks, scavenger hunts, and team-building games.

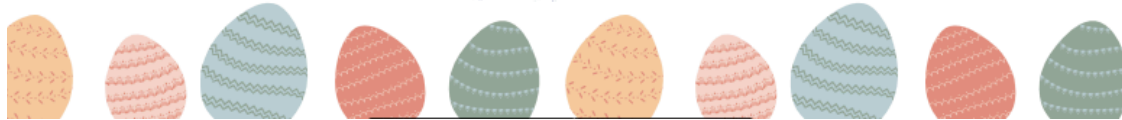
📖 **Educational Workshops:** We offer exciting workshops designed to enhance their knowledge while having a blast. Topics include science experiments, storytelling, and more!

🎯 Sports and Games: From football and basketball to board games and puzzles, we've got something for everyone to enjoy.

🍎 Healthy Snacks: We prioritise nutritious snacks to keep your child energised and refreshed throughout the day.

🌟 Fun and Friendship: Our holiday club encourages social interaction and the development of new friendships in a supportive atmosphere.

Register your interest here



George Revell
Programme Manager – Holiday Activity Camps

Student Services Updates for this week:

Great Wyrley Academy students have received over 8000 aspire points this week. This is a new record. The top 3 character virtues and learner skills demonstrated this week are **being responsible, communicating clearly and being organised**



Communicate clearly	576
Responsible	404
Be organised	301
Become unstuck	233
Resilient	208
Be collaborative	201
Self-quiz	180
Creative	156
Respectful	92
Give and receive feedback	87
Courageous	44
Compassionate	8

Top 10 Aspire Points

Year 7				Year 8				Year 9			
Caelan	Bowen	7W	36	Layla	Spink	8X	43	Freya	Lane	9Y	26
Aleisha	Shooter	7Z	35	Poppy	Wootton	8W	36	Abigail	Nutting	9Z	26
Lexie	Harrison	7Z	33	Phoebe	Foster	8X	35	Katie	Gosling	9W	23
Sonia	Nock	7W	33	Nicole	Sykorova	8Z	35	Jessie	Robinson	9Y	22
Ruby	Plant	7Z	29	Lily	Heeley	8Z	34	Aurelia	Gryska	9W	21
Lola	Sephton	7W	28	Gracie	Mansell	8W	34	A-Jay	Daley	9Y	19
Cameron	Farrell	7Z	27	Freya	Preston	8Y	34	Samuel	Kayode	9X	18
Sophie	Carter	7Z	26	Finley	Rayer	8W	33	Tyler	Sheldon	9W	18
Grace	Flynn	7W	26	Xander	Gillion	8Y	32	Noah	Cantello	9W	17
Oscar	Howell	7W	26	Harrison	Kelley	8Z	31	Mia	French	9Y	17

Year 10				Year 11			
Amelia	Brotherton	10X	34	Katie	Dutton	11X	37
Akyla	Lee-Clarke	10X	31	Jessica	Hulse	11Z	26
Lily	Weeks	10Z	30	Oliver	Whitlock	11Y	25
Kasey	Ebbans	10X	29	Holly	Small	11Y	24
Connor	Burke	10Y	28	Madeline	Stanton	11Y	24
Owen Junio	Firkin	10X	28	Lauren	Ebbans	11Y	23
Aisha	Kanyayi	10Y	27	Millie	Keenan	11Z	21
Kenzie-Jay	Taylor	10X	27	Archie	Williams	11Y	20
Ethan	Hunt	10Z	26	Yvonne	Kayode	11Y	19
Bethany	Robins	10X	26	Saffira	Webster	11X	19

Well done to LAYLA SPINK (8X) for getting the most Aspire Points this week and being BEST IN SCHOOL

100% Attendance for this Week - Roll of Honour
(To get on next week's roll of honour you need to make sure you are in EVERYDAY)

Year 7			
Abbott, Noah	7W	Bayliss, Logan	7Z
Andrews, Frankie	7X	Benton, Oliver	7Y
Bacon-Jones, Tyler	7X	Birkett, Peyton	7Y
Bowen, Caelan	7W	Bowes, Taliah	7Y
Brooks, Jaquan	7X	Bowyer, Mini	7Y

Year 8			
Billett, Olivia	8W	Arrowsmith, Isabella	8Z
Boshell, Kai	8X	Bacon-Jones, Tia	8Z
Brown, Ryan	8X	Bates, Ryan	8Z
Carter, Megan	8W	Bingham, Taylor	8Z
Challinor, Lily-Rose	8W	Boyi, Eloane	8Y

Clark, Alfie	7W	Brooks, Riley	7Y
Copeland, Evie	7X	Burke, Pajje	7Y
Crump, Edward	7W	Burton, Logan	7Y
Davies, Bella	7X	Clarke, Callum	7Y
Dicken, Logan	7X	Colley, Elsie-May	7Y
Ebagua, Wilson	7W	Delaney, Brodi	7Y
Edwards, Preston	7X	Farrell, Cameron	7Z
Evans, Harry	7W	Fitzsimons, Meabh	7Z
Finch, Joshua	7X	Friel, Flynn	7Y
Fletcher, Avary-Lea	7X	Gorman, Oliver	7Z
Flynn, Grace	7W	Hall, Laila-Faith	7Y
Ford, Reuben	7W	Harrison, Lexie	7Z
Franks, Lacey	7X	Hayward, James	7Y
Gradev, Ventsislav	7X	Kayode, Bryan	7Y
Gunn, Dexi-Beau	7X	Kerr, Lewis	7Z
Harris, Will	7W	Kerr, Riley	7Y
Heath, Isabella	7X	Kus, Harry	7Z
Heath, Olivia	7X	Law-Edwards, Ellis	7Z
Hooper, Jensen	7W	Lines, Cole	7Y
Howell, Oscar	7W	Lloyd, Ashton	7Z
Jackson, Nicole-Lea	7W	Manley, Jade	7Z

Clark, Ellie-Mae	8X	Bridges, Ashley	8Y
Dawkins, Hollie	8X	Cadman, Harriet	8Z
Dutton, Lydia	8W	Cartwright, Leah	8Z
Elson, Grace	8X	Clarke, Vinnie	8Y
Evans, Amy-Lee	8X	De Castro, Judah	8Y
Foster, Phoebe	8X	Delaney, Olly	8Z
Harley, Archie	8W	Devey, Jacob	8Z
Harrison, Daniel	8X	Ellis, Grace	8Y
Hill, Macey	8X	Everall, Sophie	8Z
Hulett, Owen	8X	French, Charlie	8Z
Hunt, Reuben	8W	Gillion, Xander	8Y
Jarvis, Oliver	8W	Gray-Davis, Amelia	8Z
Jenkins, Poppy	8X	Guy, Chloe	8Z
Joshua, Kelvin	8X	Harman, Faith	8Y
Kane, Jayden	8X	Headley, Chloe	8Z
Kendrick, Thomas	8X	Heeley, Lily	8Z
Lloyd, Grace	8W	Hodgkiss, Lucy-May	8Y
Loverock, Alfie	8W	Horton, Dom	8Y
Lunt, Elliot	8W	Hutchinson, Xavier	8Y
Mansell, Gracie	8W	Jones, Harry	8Y
Mowe-Hull, Dylan	8W	Kelley, Harrison	8Z

Jakes, Evie-Mae	7W	Mills, Daniel	7Y
Johnston, Lewis	7X	Morris, Ashley	7Z
Landers, Katherine	7W	O'Hare, India	7Y
Leighton, Gabriella	7X	Orme, Teejay	7Y
Lloyd, Evie-Mai	7W	Parker, Frankie	7Z
Marshall, Miley	7W	Pattihis, Leonidas	7Z
Martin, Bailee	7X	Plant, Ruby	7Z
Morgan, Rosie	7W	Plummer, Evie	7Y
Morris, Charlie	7W	Potter, Ollie	7Z
Moseley, Isabella	7X	Rafiu, Yetunde	7Z
Nock, Sonia	7W	Raybould, Amber	7Y
Noon, Paige	7W	Reynolds, George	7Y
Perry, Lydia	7X	Rocks, Aidrienne	7Z
Russell, Louie	7X	Sedgwick, Eli	7Y
Sanders, Sienna	7W	Shooter, Aleisha	7Z
Sephton, Lola	7W	Slater, Jenson	7Z
Shotton, Holly	7W	Smith, Brodie	7Z
Taylor, William	7W	Stokes, Jack	7Y
Turner, Alice	7X	Taylor, Libby	7Z
Upton, Mason	7W	Telford, Beau	7Z
Walker, Jacob	7W	Tipton, Andrew	7Z

Neale, Abbie	8X	Niles, Joshua	8Z
Noon, Megan	8X	Norton, Oliver	8Y
Orme, Leo	8W	Nye, Elliott	8Y
Palmer, Joshua	8W	Preston, Freya	8Y
Rayer, Finley	8W	Rochelle, George	8Z
Read, Daisy	8W	Smith, Ella	8Z
Rhodes, Lexie-Mae	8X	Summerton, Jonathan	8Y
Rossiter, Jacob	8W	Sykorova, Nicole	8Z
Seedhouse, Jayden	8W	Ward, Olivia	8Y
Severn, Beau	8X	Warke, Lacey	8Y
Skelton, Ava	8W		
Small, Logan	8W		
Spink, Layla	8X		
Stanton, Saffron	8X		
Taylor, Isobella	8W		
Taylor, Rain	8X		
Trow, Olivia	8W		
Walker, Oliver	8W		
Williams, Charlie	8X		
Wootton, Poppy	8W		

Williams, Megan	7W	Tisdell, Millie	7Y
Wootton, Darcey	7W	Wall, Jorge	7Z
		Walsh, Daniel	7Z

Year 9

Asbury, Megan	9X	Bingham, Angel	9Z
Barker, Leah	9X	Blaymires, Charlie	9Z
Barnard, Kacey	9W	Clarke, Millie	9Z
Buckley, Nathan	9W	Delaney, Alex	9Y
Bulai, Cristian	9X	Duckham, Lexi-Lou	9Y
Cantello, Noah	9W	Evans, Lola	9Z
Collins, Brandon	9X	Ford, Alice	9Y
Dudley-Mowe, Louisa	9X	Hickman, Joshua	9Z
Evans, Isaac	9X	Homer, Jonathan	9Y
Gosling, Katie	9W	Hopps, Tegan	9Z
Gryska, Aurelia	9W	Kerr, Sophie	9Z
Hamilton-Morris, Amari	9W	Memela, Michelle	9Z
Harley, Olly	9W	Merrick, Teagan	9Z
Heminsley, Chloe	9W	Mohammadi, Ricardo	9Z
James-Bracknell, Lottie	9X	Munemo, Adonai	9Y
Jenkins, Lexi	9W	Nutting, Abigail	9Z
Johnston,	9W	Obakpe,	9Z

Year 10

Bingham, Roman	10X	Bateman, Lauren	10Z
Bradley, Solomon	10X	Brittle, William	10Z
Brendel, Sonnie	10W	Burke, Connor	10Y
Collett, Leisal	10W	Clarke, Alfie	10Z
Daley, Tye	10W	Crone, Max	10Y
Davis, Owen	10W	Dawkins, Ashley	10Z
Davis, Zac	10W	Dolman, Georgia	10Z
Ebbans, Kasey	10X	Geddes, Robyn	10Y
Fardon, Carl	10W	Haste, Lewis	10Z
Firkin, Owen Junior	10X	Hickman, Warren	10Y
Follett, Conor	10W	Hunt, Ethan	10Z
Garbett, Conner	10X	Kanyayi, Aisha	10Y
Halls, Monique	10W	Kelley, Leah	10Y
Hardaker, Owen	10X	Lane, Brody	10Z
Lavender, William	10X	Parker, Christian	10Z
Lee-Clarke, Akyla	10X	Price, Liv	10Z
Morgan,	10W	Reynolds,	10Z

Booth, Tamzin	11X	Cox, AJ	11Y	Coffey, Josh	11Z
Dovydaitis, Molly	11X	Dowding-Campbell, Marley	11Y	Hayward, Olivia	11Z
Dutton, Katie	11X	Ebbans, Lauren	11Y	Hulse, Jessica	11Z
Hanrahan, Cameron	11X	Follows, Abigail	11Y	Keenan, Madison	11Z
Herrick, William	11X	France, Lewis	11Y	Keenan, Millie	11Z
Holmes, Charlotte	11X	Green, Jessica	11Y	Lane, Mia	11Z
Llewellyn, Willow	11X	Harris, Evie	11Y	Moseley, Ava	11Z
Lloyd, Ellie	11X	Hopley, Jarvis	11Y	Obakpe, Richmond	11Z
Mason, Joel-Sebastian	11X	Howell, Cam	11Y	Startin, Annabel	11Z
Natanson, Sam	11X	Jones, Teah	11Y	Tooker, Libby	11Z
Norgrove, Cayden	11X	Kayode, Yvonne	11Y	Woodhall, Stephen	11Z
Orme, Harry	11X	Lewis, Daniel	11Y	Woods, Magnus	11Z
Orme, Lillian	11X	Mullin, Isabella	11Y		
Orme, Roxylee	11X	Patrick, Hayden	11Y		
Peach, Olivia	11X	Small, Holly	11Y		
Peakman, Fiona	11X	Stanton, Madeline	11Y		
Rochelle, Lexi	11X	Whitlock, Oliver	11Y		
Smallman, Issy	11X	Whittle, Taylor	11Y		
Tehn-Addy, Michael	11X	Williams, Archie	11Y		
Townsend, Jamie	11X				
Webster, Saffira	11X				