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Parent Bulletin - Friday 21st April 2023

Headteacher Update:

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to the Summer Term. I hope that you had a restful Easter break and that everyone is feeling relaxed and refreshed ready to tackle the final term of the academic year.

I would like to start this week's bulletin by thanking you for your support in my plea for ensuring that our standards and expectations are consistently high. In particular with regards to uniform. The majority of students have returned to school looking spectacular and ready to learn and we have seen a calm and productive start to the term which has meant an environment which is conducive to learning.

This week in assembly we have been focusing on the concept of the new term being "A fresh start, a new beginning" and we have discussed the importance of good behaviour in lessons, around school, in their interactions and outside in the community. We have made it clear to students that this is a fresh start and all negative behaviour points for this term have been reset to zero so that all students have an opportunity to access the end of term reward again for good behaviour and attitude to learning and as we say daily, making sure that every lesson counts. Students have been given guidance on how to manage their behaviour when it is not meeting expectations and reminded of the sanctions that are in place if students are unable to modify their behaviours. The focus this term is the positive points. You can access a students positive to negative points ratio using class charts. A daily check in with your son/daughter on where they received their points can help raise their self esteem and give us another opportunity to praise those that are doing what they should be doing, all of the time.

I want to also reiterate that mobile phones are not permitted to be seen in school. Students know that if a member of staff sees them on their phone that this will be confiscated and currently, they can collect it at the end of the day. I have had some parental complaints that staff have confiscated phones because their son/daughter was replying to a message sent by them. This is still unacceptable and as per the policy we will be confiscating the phone and I would really urge you to support us with this matter. Mobile phones play a huge part in causing many of our social issues in school time and this detracts from the main priority - students being in every lesson, every day. If you need to make contact with the students then please contact reception. I can assure you we will pass the message on.

We are also seeing a significant number of students who are leaving lessons to collect cups for water. This is causing disruption in lessons and we are seeing an increase in the number of students who are then taking advantage of this and traunting. I must make it clear that students

are not allowed lessons to request cups from the canteen for water. Students are more than welcome to bring a water bottle to school which they can have in lessons, the exception being when in Science labs as this is simply not allowed due to health and safety reasons. Students can top their water up before school, break and lunch time using the many water fountains placed around school. They must use this as an excuse to be late to lesson.

I will finish the bulletin by unfortunately drawing your attention to the next two strike days on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. I will write to you specifically with the finer details of the strike days but currently we plan to open to Year groups 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13. Year 8 and 9 will be following a Remote Learning programme. If this changes in any way I will notify you immediately.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and again, as always thank you for your support in all matters.



Mrs K Moore
Headteacher

School Events for this week:

School show: The last day of term was also the last school show night. This was a packed out audience. The students in the Addams Family were spectacular. We are so proud of all of the students and a very special thanks to the staff who helped make it happen, especially Miss Slade and Mr Collins. Watch this space as the name of next year's show will be announced shortly.

Andorra Ski Trip: The Andorra ski trip was a huge success. Over 30 students spent the first week of the Easter holidays skiing. We really enjoyed seeing the videos and pictures from the trip. Next years ski trip has just been announced. For further details on this, please see Mrs Broadwood.

Arts Connect Event in Music: On the 19th April a group of students attended another music workshop with the visiting Arts Connect practitioner to work on their performances. On 15th June 2023 they will be taking part with singing groups from all 9 schools within the Windsor Academy Trust. Each school will have composed their own piece as well as a WAT song. Students at Great Wyrley Academy have been working hard to create a piece of Bulgarian inspired acapella, to suit the world music brief, which will be their performance piece. In previous sessions Wyrley students have been pivotal in producing the main ideas for the WAT song which will be sung by all of the 9 schools.

Student Senate: On the very last day of term the Student Senate visited the Windsor Academy Trust central offices to meet with the CEO and Executive team to explore Student Leadership. Students were involved in a work shop and then

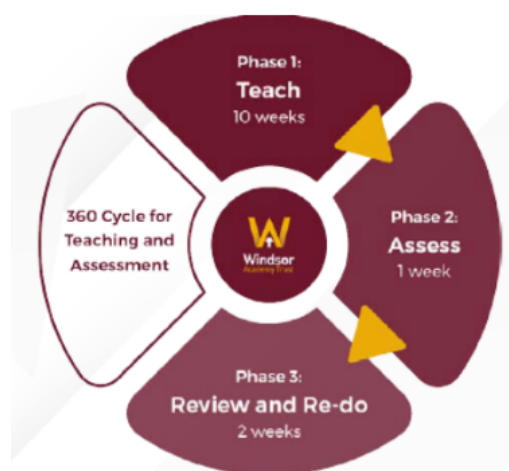
fed back to peers.

Poetry Symposium: 10 students from Year 11 attended a poetry symposium at Windsor High School. The students enjoyed a full day looking at poetry and discussing related issues.

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

Curriculum Updates for this week:

Cycle 3 has begun this week. This is a 10 week period of time where new knowledge is taught so it is absolutely essential that you attend all lessons at all times - EVERY LESSON COUNTS. Missed lessons will significantly hinder your progress in lessons.



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Century Tech is an innovative educational platform that combines the latest in artificial intelligence and learning science to personalise learning for every student. The platform is designed to help students learn more effectively and efficiently by providing them with personalised learning pathways and targeted feedback on their progress.

As a parent, Century Tech can be an excellent tool to help your child excel academically. Here are some key benefits of Century Tech

1. **Personalised Learning:** Century Tech uses AI algorithms to create personalised learning pathways for every student. This means that your child will receive a customised learning experience that caters to their unique strengths and weaknesses.
2. **Targeted Feedback:** Century Tech provides real-time feedback to students, allowing them to track their progress and identify areas that need improvement.

3. **Accessibility:** Century Tech is available 24/7, which means that your child can access it anytime, anywhere.
4. **Engaging Content:** Century Tech uses gamification and interactive learning tools to keep students engaged and motivated. This can help your child stay focused and interested in their studies.

Overall, Century Tech can be a valuable tool for parents looking to support their child's academic success. By providing personalised learning pathways and real-time feedback, Century Tech can help students reach their full potential and achieve academic excellence.

Year 11 Parents/Carers - Introducing Teatime Tests

Introducing specifically to our Parents & Careers of Year 11 our Teatime Test. As you will know, students are fast approaching the start of their exams and having listened to the feedback from you and the students we have decided to launch a way that parents can help their children to revise.



So, each day we will release to parents via parentmail the “Teatime Test” This will consist of 3 key questions that are likely to have the most impact in terms of revision in that subject, along with the answers and a link to a resource if the student does not know how to answer it.

Our suggestion is that you test your son/daughter with the questions that we send, then go through the answer with them and if they don't know how to do it, use the resource to figure out how to do it and then retest. Research shows that having a short period of focused revision can have a huge impact on overall results in a subject.

Calling all Year 11 Parents/Carers

FREE : Upcoming webinar for parents: How to Improve Your Child's Memory

We're excited to announce that Elevate Education's first free webinar of the Summer Term will be taking place on Tuesday 2nd 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.

This will be taking place on Tuesday 2nd May (6-7pm) and the session will be "How to Help Improve Your Child's Memory". [Click here to register for free.](#) Here's what will be covered in the session.

- ✓ How memory actually works (and how it has nothing to do with brain capacity)
- ✓ The most effective environments to assist in memorisation
- ✓ 3 techniques you can implement overnight to improve revision

If you want any further information then please contact Mrs McCarthy.

Student Services Updates for this week:

A RECORD BREAKING WEEK!

Great Wyrley Academy students have received a record 1700 aspire points this week. The top 3 character virtues and learner skills demonstrated this week are being **responsible**, being **resilient** and **respectful**. **Year 11 have particularly demonstrated a great deal of resilience in tackling some challenging exam questions in preparation for their GCSEs.** Well done!



Responsible	260
Resilient	206
Respectful	196
Communicate clearly	193
Be collaborative	160
Self-quiz	159
Be organised	152
Creative	146
Give and receive feedback	111
Become unstuck	84
Compassionate	17
Courageous	16
Total	1700

