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Parent Bulletin - Friday 22nd December 2023

Headteacher Update:

Dear Parents & Carers

What a fantastic end to the Autumn term we have had here at Great Wyrley Academy. We had our Year group celebration assemblies on Thursday and Friday. As a school community we congratulated those students who had 100% attendance this half term, form tutor awards were presented to students who had consistently demonstrated our character and learner virtues. Over 200 students received a box of chocolates and a certificate in recognition of their achievements. Families should be really proud of their accomplishments this year.

This morning we held our first ever Great Wyrley Academy Talent show, auditions were held a few weeks ago and the successful acts took to the stage to perform for key stage 3 and a panel of judges. There were some fantastic performances from students in all Year groups demonstrating some real talent. Again, students have shown real courage and compassion during the show. Students will have another opportunity to enter in the summer term where we will be holding a second talent show. A huge well done to everyone involved especially Mrs McCarthy and the Year 11 prom committee who helped to organise and run the entire operation.

It is with great sadness that we have to say our goodbyes to two members of staff this term. Firstly, A huge congratulations to Mr Cooper who has secured a promotion in another school, we would like to wish Mr Cooper all the very best on his new venture.

Our final goodbye this term is to Mr Smith who has been at Great Wyrley for nearly 20 years. Mr Smith's contribution to the school is immeasurable. His passion for Music has seen the launch of our fabulous Soul Band with their tours to Belgium, the creation of Viva Voce and many other initiatives throughout his time. Mr Smith will be sadly missed by all staff and students and we wish him the very best of luck for the future.

Whilst I am not wanting to wish the Christmas holidays away a reminder that all year groups return to school at normal time on Monday 8th January. I will of course never miss an opportunity to remind all of our families the importance of attending school and the direct link between attendance and progress made. I also include a link to our uniform expectations [here](#). We want to ensure that we kick start the spring term having those high expectations and standards and I appreciate your full support with this.

All that is left for me to say at this point is a huge thank you to each and every one of you for your support. It is essential that the partnership between home and school is a positive one. Whilst we may not always get things right, we will always endeavour to ensure that your child is safe and happy in school. We will continue to work with you in the New Year to continue in our pursuit of excellence. This is a GREAT school and I am proud to serve you as Headteacher. I sincerely hope that you all

have a wonderful Christmas break. Stay safe, recharge and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



Mrs K Moore
Headteacher

School Events for this week:

Civic Impact: Our fantastic catering team spent the day cooking up a storm at Great Wyrley Community Centre for the senior citizens of the village Christmas Lunch on Friday 8th December. They had a wonderful time helping support our community, producing a wonderful meal for them and even having a dance to brighten their day making it a memorable experience. We have received a heartfelt thanks from Great Wyrley Parish Council for allowing them out of school for the day to support this event on our behalf, strengthening our community links and our civic impact encompassing the Windsor Academy Trust Big Move 3.



Celebration Assemblies: Over the last two days we have held our Celebration Assemblies. During the assembly we celebrated those students with 100% attendance, Star student per form, Most Aspire points and Star of the Year group. 200 students were awarded during the assemblies and each student received a box of chocolates and a certificate in recognition of their achievements. Well done to everyone involved.

GWA Talent Show: Today we held our first ever Great Wyrley Academy talent show.

The students involved were so respectful, courageous and compassionate. We would like to thank all of the acts that took part but of course, there can only be one winner...



Brodie Lane
(Supported by Freddie & MJ)

Year 7 Disco: Thursday evening we held our first ever Year 7 Disco. This was a roaring success and students danced the night away. At their request we are hopefully going to have a Valentines Disco at the end of Spring half term so watch this space for upcoming details on this.



Year 7 Christmas Quiz competition: Year 7 have got in the Christmas spirit with a Christmas Quiz House Competition. Students had to pick a door on the advent calendar which had a Christmas themed question behind it.

It was a close competition with 7X and 7Z joint winners!



English: English has seen some amazing results with year 11 students in their recent mock exams and we could not be prouder of the hard work and dedication shown by the majority of our students!

11JUL - Miss Styche

Well done to Harry Orme and Evie Harris for amazing Grade 8 assessments!! A big shout out to Will Herrick and Elliot Pearse for making huge progress in their recent mocks too. Your efforts in lessons and efforts with revision are not going unmissed.

11BEA - Miss Goodman

A massive well done to Abigail Follows for achieving an outstanding grade 8 on her English literature mock exam, exceeding her target. As well as Summa Williamson, Jessica Green, Harry Bowles and Shaian Cele for achieving a grade 7. A big shoutout to Zach Benton and Sam Natanson for making huge progress due to their relentless hard work and dedication, achieving 2 grades higher than their target grades! Currently a very proud English teacher.

11MAC - Miss Alton

A huge well done to Tamzin Booth, Connor Bains, Olivia Hayward, Taylor Whittle and Cam Howell for all achieving a grade 8+ on their English Literature Mock exam; exceeding their target grades. Also a massive congratulations to M'Ballou Kallon, Taylor-Mae Cooper and Eva Nightingale for achieving a grade 7. In addition a big shout out to Hannah Woodhouse for making exponential progress and achieving a grade 6! I am very proud of you all.

11OTH - Miss Sheppard

Steven Woodall and Libby Tooker smashed their mock! Well done for getting a grade 8+. A big shout out to Braydon Briggs and Ellie-May LLoyd for making huge improvements in their mocks.

KS3 also had their Cycle 1 KATs, a daunting experience, but they did this with great courage - here are a few superstars who deserve recognition for their dedication and achievements:

Miss Goodman's star students of the term:

7BEA: George Reynolds, a super hardworking and resilient pupil who challenges himself every single lesson.

8BEA: Imogen Stevenson-Daniels, she has shown real determination this term and has shown progress in her work and understanding of Romeo and Juliet.

9BEA: Brandon Collins, what an outstanding pupil. I couldn't ask much more from him. He is incredibly hardworking and always contributes to group discussion.

10BEA: Kenzie-jay Taylor, consistently contributes to group discussions, puts 100% effort into every lesson.

11BEA: Harry Bowles has achieved an impressive 7+ in his literature mock exam, above his target target grade he is very hard working and just a genuine lovely young man.

Miss Styche's star students of the term:

7JUL - Laila-Faith Hall - Laila is always a lovely and polite student who is resilient and has tried her hardest in English.

8JUL - Lydia Dutton is always polite and kind to others in class. She is also the most dedicated and hardworking student I have come across in year 8 which is reflective in her recent assessments.

9JUL - Well done to Jessie Robinson, who came into English at the start of year 9 with little confidence in English and now has smashed her recent assessment and got one of the highest marks in the class! Keep up the great work.

10JUL - Connor Burke and Tye Daley - Both students work extremely hard in English which has hugely paid off in their recent assessment. They are dedicated and all around amazing students to teach!

11JUL - Harry Orme - Harry is the most dedicated student. He arrives punctually to lesson, strives to compete work to the best of his ability and is always polite and considerate to those around him. I can't wait to see him smash his GCSES!!!

Miss Sheppard's star students of the term:

7OTH- Libby Taylor- Libby is an excellent pupil who embodies our school ASPIRE values in every way. She is always so kind and helpful both in lessons and around school!

8OTH- Riley Evans- Riley has shown excellent progress this term in his study of Romeo and Juliet, scoring highly in his most recent KAT and demonstrating his knowledge to collaborate with peers during their feedback/feedforward lesson.

9MAC- Kyon Vaughan- Kyon is a wonderful student in English. He is open to sharing his ideas in a positive way to contribute and benefit the learning of others. He has demonstrated an excellent understanding of our most recent study of 'Of Mice and Men' and wrote about it in a sophisticated manner.

10OTH- Max Crone- Max is a dedicated student who works relentlessly in his English lessons. He has become our very own thesaurus and applies this in a detailed way to his analytical work for English Literature!

11OTH- Stephen Woodhall- Stephen has demonstrated excellent progress this term and dedication to his revision for his mock exam where he achieved an 8+ in his most recent exam.

Miss Alton's star students of the term:

8MAC - Harry Ridgeway - Harry is a hard-working and conscientious student who applies himself fully to every lesson, engaging in class discussions and applying his knowledge to assessments - keep up the good work!

10MAC - Lewis Seedhouse - Lewis has made outstanding progress this term and has shown a dedicated and relentless attitude toward his GCSE studies - he should be very proud of his achievements!

11MAC - Hannah Woodhouse - Hannah has demonstrated amazing progress this term and her dedication to her revision ensured that she achieved a grade 6 in her most recent exam - keep up the great work Hannah!

KS3/ KS4: SORA- Our library has gone digital! All students now have access to our online reading platform and have chosen their own titles. Students can make the most of this over Christmas by taking time to relax and read a book at their own leisure over the holidays, with access to 100's of texts - please encourage your child to take part!

Year 10 Art, Craft and Design: Year 10 have been studying Wayne Teibaud and his pop art ice cream pieces this half term. They have been very dedicated and show exceptional progress so were rewarded with an ice cream party to celebrate their success and to take beautiful photographs for their project.



Well done year 10!

French: Well done to all year 11 pupils who have performed well on their mocks and completed a full speaking assessment for the first time showing incredible resilience in completing it.

Year 7 have made a great start in their first term being able to describe themselves their friends and their families and have all completed their first speaking assessment

Maths House Competitions - The results are in!

Over the last two weeks students have been working hard on Times Table Rockstars and Eedi in their own time to win points for their house by taking part in the Maths House Competitions. The results are now in!!!

TTRS Lifetime earnings

Name	Year group	House	Points
James Hayward	7	Y	10
Charlie French	8	Z	9
Wilson Ebagua	7	W	8
Will Taylor	7	W	7
Jenson Slater	7	X	6
Lydia Perry	7	X	5
Sonia Nock	7	W	4
Preston Edwards	7	X	3
Lacy Hicken	8	Z	2
Laila-Faith Hall	7	Y	1

TTRS Speed

Name	Year group	House	Points
Jayden Element-Stretton	8	Z	10
Charlie French	8	Z	9
George Rochelle	8	X	8
Charlie Williams	8	X	7
Jenson Slater	7	Z	6
Will Taylor	7	W	5
Laila Faith Hall	7	Y	4
Jayden Kane	8	X	3
Phoebe Foster	8	X	2
Wilson Ebagua	7	W	1

Fedi - Independent tasks

Name	Year group	House	Position	Points
Madison Keenan	11	Z	1st	10
Romeo Bolton	11	X	2nd	8
Isabelle Yates	8	W	3rd	3
Chloe Guy	8	Z	3rd	3
Joseph McDonald	9	X	3rd	3
Millie Keenan	11	Z	3rd	3
Daniel Lewis	11	Y	3rd	3
Holly Small	11	Y	3rd	3
Lexi Rochelle	11	X	3rd	3

W	28	3rd
X	48	2nd
Y	21	4th
Z	52	1st

GWA Maths Department GCSE Advent Calendar

Year 11 have been busy opening their maths advent calendars this December.

Five students successfully completed 20 days of revision using the GWA Christmas Advent Calendar. This is a massive achievement and we are so proud of you!!

The five students are:

- **Cameron Allen**
- **Romeo Bolton**
- **Madison Keenan**
- **Millie Keenan**
- **Oliver Whitlock**

We hope you enjoy your early Christmas present!

PE and Sport: This week in PE lesson students have been completing their end of sport assessments and participating in Christmas dodgeball!. Whether they were protecting Santa from being hit and losing all the presents, or taking on the role of the Naughty Elves and sneaking on to the other teams area, students showed a

range of tactics and ASPIRE characteristics such as collaboration, responsibility, resilience and organisation.

In BTEC Sport students have shown excellent maturity and collaboration by becoming “Experts” in different topics and delivering this information to their “researcher” peers through verbal and written feedback. Students showed fantastic communication skills and the ability to give and receive feedback.

PE Trips:

The Man City trip places have filled very quickly with only a handful of spaces remaining. Please complete the forms and payment online to secure one of the remaining few spaces.

In January, Year 10 BTEC Sport students will be visiting Wolverhampton University to experience the Sports Science labs and facilities as part of their BTEc Sport course.

Follow us on X @GWA_PE




Curriculum Updates for this week:

Homework

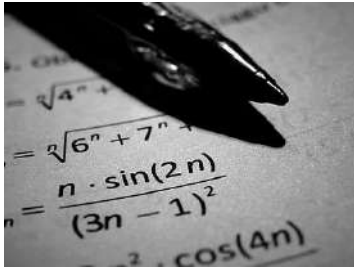
As part of our efforts to ensure that the homework we set continues to be as effective as it has been (**over 26,500 pieces submitted**), we would welcome the thoughts of Parents and Guardians of our students. Please take some time to complete the below survey. The survey also asks about the 3 period day which we moved to in September.

[Homework and 3 Period Day Survey](#)

Please find the scheduled dates for homework for next half term

 Homework set		 Homework Due
Friday 12 January 2024 		Thursday 25 January 2024
Friday 26 January 2024 		Thursday 8 February 2024
Friday 9 February 2024 		Thursday 29 February 2024

What are we studying in Maths in Cycle 2?



Year 7: Shapes and Dimensionality, Integers and Non-Integers

Year 8: Formulae and Rearrange, Proportionality and Congruence

Year 9: Forming and solving equations, Sequences, Graphs and Functions

Year 10: Proportions and Proportional Change, Working in 2D and 3D and Compound Measures

Year 11: Functions and Polynomials, Vectors and Transformations

What are we studying in History in Cycle 2?

Year 7: Medieval Monarchy and Mayhem

Year 8: The British Empire

Year 9: World War II

Year 10: Health - modern period and Conflict

Year 11: Normans, Health and Germany



Year 11 interventions

We will continue with our Year 11 intervention sessions on our return in January, the groups will remain the same for the first week back and new groups will be identified and being in the second week back (week beginning 15th January)

Student Services Updates for this week:

This week we have had rewards assemblies celebrating successes in school. Students have received awards for 100% attendance this half-term and the most aspire points this half term as well a number of other awards.



MOST ASPIRE POINTS THIS HALF-TERM

THE WINNERS

Y7 - Meabh Fitzsimons (198)

Y8 - Violet-May Hannon (195)

Y9 - Abigail Nutting (169)

Y10 - Kasey Ebbans (185)

Y11 - Millie Keenan (147)

BEST IN SCHOOL THIS HALF-TERM:

MEABH FITZSIMONS (198)

100% Attendance for this HALF-TERM Roll of Honour

A massive well done to all of you for attending school EVERYDAY!

Year 7

Caelan	Bowen	7W	Taliah	Bowes	7Y
Alfie	Clark	7W	Mini	Bowyer	7Y
Edward	Crump	7W	Riley	Brooks	7Y
Harry	Evans	7W	Jessica	Buckler	7Y
Grace	Flynn	7W	Callum	Clarke	7Y
Reuben	Ford	7W	Brodi	Delaney	7Y
Jensen	Hooper	7W	Alex	Fisher	7Y
Nicole - Lea	Jackson	7W	Riley	Kerr	7Y
Evie-Mae	Jakes	7W	Cole	Lines	7Y
Katherine	Landers	7W	India	O'Hare	7Y
Evie-Mai	Lloyd	7W	Eden	Peakman	7Y
Sonia	Nock	7W	Evie	Plummer	7Y
Emily	Weaver	7W	Amber	Raybould	7Y
Paige	Williams	7W	William	Rushton	7Y
Darcey	Wootton	7W	Eli	Sedgwick	7Y
Tyler	Bacon-Jones	7X	Jack	Stokes	7Y
Evie	Copeland	7X	Millie	Tisdell	7Y
Bella	Davies	7X	Logan	Bayliss	7Z
Joshua	Finch	7X	Meabh	Fitzsimons	7Z
Ventsislav	Gradev	7X	Lewis	Kerr	7Z
Olivia	Heath	7X	Ellis	Law-Edwards	7Z
Kodie	Hulse	7X	Ollie	Potter	7Z
Gabriella	Leighton	7X	Aleisha	Shooter	7Z
Louie	Russell	7X	Brodie	Smith	7Z
Freddie	Skelton	7X	Libby	Taylor	7Z
			Daniel	Walsh	7Z

Year 8

Olivia	Billett	8W	Eloane	Boyi	8Y
Megan	Carter	8W	Judah	De Castro	8Y

Lily-Rose	Challinor	8W	Grace	Ellis	8Y
Lydia	Dutton	8W	Harry	Jones	8Y
Grace	Lloyd	8W	Idrissa	Kallon	8Y
Elliot	Lunt	8W	Oliver	Norton	8Y
Leo	Orme	8W	Elliott	Nye	8Y
Joshua	Palmer	8W	Freya	Preston	8Y
Finley	Rayer	8W	Alfie	Webster	8Y
Harry	Ridgway	8W	Tia	Bacon-Jones	8Z
Poppy	Wootton	8W	Taylor	Bingham	8Z
Isabelle	Yates	8W	Harriet	Cadman	8Z
Kai	Boshell	8X	Amelia	Gray-Davis	8Z
Grace	Elson	8X	Lily	Heeley	8Z
Daniel	Harrison	8X			
Kelvin	Joshua	8X			
Jayden	Kane	8X			
Thomas	Kendrick	8X			
Beau	Severn	8X			
Layla	Spink	8X			
Charlie	Williams	8X			

Year 9

Nathan	Buckley	9W	A-Jay	Daley	9Y
Noah	Cantello	9W	Adonai	Munemo	9Y
Amari	Hamilton-Morris	9W	James	Parker	9Y
Jorja-Jo	Johnston	9W	Kayden	Taylor	9Y
Tyler	Sheldon	9W	James	Turner	9Y
Callum	Standing	9W	Ava	Walker	9Y
Kyon	Vaughan	9W	Alfie	Westwood	9Y
Khyran	Watkiss	9W	Angel	Bingham	9Z
Megan	Asbury	9X	Charlie	Blaymires	9Z
Brandon	Collins	9X	Millie	Clarke	9Z
Jake	Lane	9X	Tegan	Hopps	9Z
Harvey	Leek	9X	Sophie	Kerr	9Z
Paige	Mills	9X	Michelle	Memela	9Z
Henry	Walker	9X	Teagan	Merrick	9Z
Frankie	Willetts	9X	Abigail	Nutting	9Z

			Kirsty	Walters	9Z
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Year 10

Tye	Daley	10W	Connor	Burke	10Y
Conor	Follett	10W	Aisha	Kanyayi	10Y
Henry	Opoku	10W	Billy	Robinson	10Y
Georgia	Despotaki	10X	Lauren	Bateman	10Z
William	Lavender	10X	William	Brittle	10Z
Thomas	Pearson	10X	Georgia	Dolman	10Z
Eve	Sutcliffe	10X	Lewis	Haste	10Z
			Liv	Price	10Z
			Isaac	Reynolds	10Z
			Benjamin	Spooner	10Z
			Autumn	Williams	10Z

Year 11

Cameron	Allen	11X	Alfie	Babb	11Y	Harry	Bowles	11Z
Zachary	Benton-Rose	11X	Braydon	Briggs	11Y	Shaian	Cele	11Z
Katie	Dutton	11X	Lewis	France	11Y	Lexi	Jarvis	11Z
Cameron	Hanrahan	11X	Jessica	Green	11Y	Madison	Keenan	11Z
Ellie	Lloyd	11X	Layla	Hinds	11Y	Millie	Keenan	11Z
Joel-Sebastian	Mason	11X	Jarvis	Hopley	11Y	Mia	Lane	11Z
Sam	Natanson	11X	Cam	Howell	11Y	Libby	Tooker	11Z
Cayden	Norgrove	11X	Daniel	Lewis	11Y	Megan	Willetts	11Z
Roxylee	Orme	11X	Elliot	Pearse	11Y			
Lexi	Rochelle	11X	Madeline	Stanton	11Y			
Michael	Tehn-Addy	11X	Archie	Williams	11Y			
Jamie	Townsend	11X						
Saffira	Webster	11X						
Chloe	Wheeldon-John	11X						