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Parent Bulletin - Friday 23rd February 2024

Headteacher Update:

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope that you all had a lovely half term break. The start of term and half terms are always my favourite points in the year and this one was no exception. Students have returned refreshed, motivated and determined to make this half term even better than the last one. Students' uniform looks exceptional and to a high standard however, we have seen a higher number than usual of students wearing acrylic nails. I need to remind you that these are not acceptable and as always full details on our uniform can be found [here](#). You will be well aware by now that if there are any problems with the uniform in the morning that this is picked up by myself and the rest of SLT on the gate in the first instance. We have plenty of items to loan to ensure that students can continue with the rest of the day. All items are cleaned and laundered and perfectly fine for students to borrow and I would really appreciate your support with this when problems do arise.

This week's assembly led by myself has been around "choices", what makes an informed choice? How do we make sure that the choices we make are our own and what might be the consequences of choices that we make? Students were set a half term challenge. The challenge was around the different choices they are faced with each day and for those bigger choices taking a moment to reflect and consider what the possible results might be from that choice. I want to extend this challenge and ask that this is not just a focus on what goes on in school, but also outside of school. We discussed before Christmas the importance of representing the school in a positive way even when we leave the school gates and how we must play our part in being responsible citizens and a positive contributor to the community. I would really encourage you to discuss this with your children and reinforce this important message to them. We have seen a reduction in the number of incidents occurring once school has ended but I would like to see this significantly reduced even further and I need your help and support to do this.

I will leave you now to read through the rest of the bulletin but I would like to again give a huge well done to all students for their positive return and I look forward to sharing with you weekly some of the really lovely things we have planned this week.

I hope you have a lovely weekend

Kind regards

Mrs K Moore
Headteacher

School Events for this week:

Year 11 Product Design

This week we held a two day make session for the year 11 students to create their end products for their GCSE course work. THEY WORKED HARD!

We are so proud of their dedication to their work and to the effort they put into the two long days. They showed CREATIVITY, RESILIENCE, they BECAME UNSTUCK and COMMUNICATED their ideas with confidence. These are some of the amazing ASPIRE characteristics that our Y11's have showcased this week.

ADT Club

Students at the Art, Design and Technology club had a great time exploring ABSTRACT art work this week.

We played a fun game using dice to decide random colours and marks to add to our paintings. While students were hesitant to begin with, they really opened up to the idea of expressionism and were more able to appreciate the artwork of Kandinsky and Pollock through this.

PE and Sport and Dance

PE:

Unfortunately due to poor weather this week a lot of lessons have had to be adapted. However the behaviour, attitude and effort from the students has been exceptional. Even when playing three different sports across the space of one badminton court!



Sport and Dance:

Students have been having discussions in PE lessons regarding the NEW BTEC Sport course and the BTEC Performing Arts (Dance) course as an option next year. Students have been inquisitive and responded positively to the changes and the content involved in the course. I am looking forward to discussing this further in assemblies and at Parents' Evening next week.

Girls Football:

On Friday 23rd February ten students will be taking part in a girls football refereeing course. This will enable students to improve their officiating skills within the game of football and develop important Aspire Characteristics such as Resilience, Communication, Collaboration and being Courageous

Maths GCSE - 100 days to go...

This week marked a significant milestone for maths - there are only 100 days to go until the maths GCSE!



Corbettmaths

John Corbett from Corbettmaths has started to create a short video every day until the exam. They are only a maximum of 10 minutes long so perfect for revision.

Follow the link below to watch an explanation and then choose the correct tier to watch the videos.



<https://corbettmaths.com/100-days>

House competitions

Before half term we had the French baking house competition with loads of absolutely amazing entries. Pupils were incredibly creative and made a variety of really interesting cakes and bakes, showing off their knowledge of French cuisine and also their aptitude for baking.



Lions won the whole competition with several of their pupils coming up with some innovative and (most importantly) delicious creations.

Our winners were:

- Appearance - **Caelan Bowen (7W)** for his amazing tarte au citron
- Originality - **Harry Ridgway (8W)** for a delicious chocolate ganache and roasted strawberries tart
- Taste - **Mason Upton and Noah Abbot (7W)** for the chocolate orange éclairs which are incredibly hard to master. Well done to these pupils!



After half term we have the results of the valentines decoration competition and a history competition for the first week after half term.



Ski practice trip

Students who are going on the Easter ski trip visited the practice slopes in Tamworth to prepare themselves for their spring visit. Staff and students braved the cold and rain to practise putting on their ski equipment and trying some basic skiing down those slopes. A huge thank you to the staff for supporting and the students for being such good sports.

Woodland Trust Trees for schools:

In March a group of Year 7 students will be helping to improve the school grounds, increase the biodiversity of habitats for living organisms and help to reduce Great Wyrley Academy's Carbon footprint by planting over 200 trees donated by the Woodland Trust to Schools.

Students will need to wear non-school uniform, bring a waterproof coat and a possible change of shoes as they will be outside during either period 1 or period 2 on the day. Further details of the event will be posted on the Year 7 classroom as the arrival date of the trees is confirmed. This is a brilliant way for students to acquire some Aspire points for representing the school.

UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

Before half term year 10 and year 9 students took part in this year's UKMT intermediate challenge.

The results are below:

Year 9

Bronze - Cristian Bulai and Courtney Shaw (Best in Year)

Year 10

Gold- Katie-Mae Rawlins (Best in School) and Tom Pearson

Silver – Leah Kelley, Billy Robinson and Bethany Robins

Bronze – William Brittle, Leisal Collett, Kasey Ebbans, James Oxley, Olivia Price, Ben Spooner, Eve Sutcliffe, Kenzie Taylor, Owen Wilding

We are extremely proud of all students that took part - certificates will be heading your way soon!!



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

Curriculum Updates for this week:

Century Tech Spring Challenge:

Compete, learn, and win! Calling all students! The Century Tech Spring Challenge is here, and it's your chance to test your skills, compete with classmates, and win big!

The competition runs from **Monday, February 26th to Sunday, March 24th**. During this time, students need to complete "nuggets" on the Century Tech platform. The more nuggets they complete, the higher their chances of winning!



Prizes:

- Individual winners: There will be winners for each year group, so everyone has a shot at glory!
- Overall school winner: The school with the most engaged students wins the ultimate bragging rights!

Weekly updates: Stay tuned for weekly results announced in every Parent Bulletin

Year 9 Options

Understanding the Options:

To ensure your child makes informed choices, we have organised several opportunities for them to learn about the various options available:

Subject Assemblies: Next week, each subject leader will conduct an assembly specifically for students considering their options. These assemblies will provide detailed information about the content, assessment, and future pathways associated with each subject.

Parents' Evening: On Thursday, February 29th, we will host a Parents' Evening from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet subject teachers and discuss any questions you may have regarding specific subjects and your child's suitability.

Additional Resources:

We understand that making informed decisions requires comprehensive information. Therefore, we have prepared subject-specific presentations with videos outlining key details about each option. These presentations are available online on the school website or by following this link [Subject Videos](#)

Importance of Key Stage 4 Options:

The choices your child makes during this process will significantly impact their academic experience and future career opportunities. We encourage you and your child to actively participate in the upcoming events and discussions with your child to ensure they select subjects that align with their interests, strengths, and aspirations.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING AS MANY YEAR 9 PARENTS AS POSSIBLE
ON THIS EVENING**

Student Services Updates for this week:

Great Wyrley Academy students have received over 6000 aspire points this week. This is a new record. The top 3 character virtues and learner skills demonstrated this week are **being collaborative, communicating clearly and becoming unstuck**



Communicate clearly	519
Be collaborative	347
Become unstuck	339
Responsible	264
Be organised	230
Resilient	215
Respectful	168
Self-quiz	148
Creative	103
Give and receive feedback	85
Courageous	33
Compassionate	9

Top 10 Aspire Points

Year 7				Year 8				Year 9			
Lydia	Perry	7X	34	Noah	Poole	8Z	29	Dominic	Stanton	9W	21
Aleisha	Shooter	7Z	33	Freya	Preston	8Y	27	Leah	Barker	9X	16
Isabella	Moseley	7X	32	Elliot	Lunt	8W	25	Angel	Bingham	9Z	16
Gabriella	Leighton	7X	31	Ryan	Bates	8Z	24	Michelle	Memela	9Z	16
Sonia	Nock	7W	31	Jayden	Element-Stretton	8Z	23	Chloe	Heminsley	9W	15
Dexi-Beau	Gunn	7X	29	Judah	de Castro	8Y	22	Tyler	Sheldon	9W	15
Rosie	Morgan	7W	29	Chloe	Guy	8Z	22	Noah	Cantello	9W	14
Sienna	Sanders	7W	29	Isla	Burgess	8Z	21	A-Jay	Daley	9Y	14
Bella	Davies	7X	28	Leah	Cartwright	8Z	21	Jonathan	Homer	9Y	14
Lacey	Franks	7X	28	Indiya	Edwards	8Z	21	Courtney	Shaw	9Z	14

Year 10				Year 11			
Amelia	Brotherton	10X	31	Katie	Dutton	11X	31
Katie	Copeland	10Y	24	Madeline	Stanton	11Y	23
Billy	Robinson	10Y	24	Millie	Keenan	11Z	18
Aisha	Kanyayi	10Y	23	Shaian	Cele	11Z	17
Keira	Mills	10Y	22	Madison	Keenan	11Z	16
Isaac	Reynolds	10Z	22	Harry	Bowles	11Z	15
Bethany	Robins	10X	21	Jessica	Hulse	11Z	15
Millie	Barker	10X	20	Holly	Small	11Y	15
Lily	Weeks	10Z	20	Summa	Williamson	11Z	15
Leah	Kelley	10Y	19	Evie	Harris	11Y	14

Well done to LYDIA PERRY (7X) for getting the most Aspire Points this week and being BEST IN SCHOOL

Extra-Curricular Clubs

	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

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	Bowes, Taliah	7Y
Bowen, Caelan	7W	Bowyer, Mini	7Y
Brooks, Jaquan	7X	Brooks, Riley	7Y
Clark, Alfie	7W	Burke, Pajje	7Y
Copeland, Evie	7X	Burton, Logan	7Y
Crump, Edward	7W	Carter, Sophie	7Z
Davies, Bella	7X	Clarke, Callum	7Y
Dawes, Jake	7X	Colley, Elsie-May	7Y
Dicken, Logan	7X	Farrell, Cameron	7Z
Edwards, Preston	7X	Friel, Flynn	7Y
Evans, Harry	7W	Harrison, Lexie	7Z
Finch, Joshua	7X	Hayward, James	7Y
Fletcher, Avary-Lea	7X	Hulse, Kodie	7Z
Flynn, Grace	7W	Kayode, Bryan	7Y
Ford, Reuben	7W	Kerr, Lewis	7Z
Franks, Lacey	7X	Kerr, Riley	7Y
Gradev, Ventsislav	7X	Law-Edwards, Ellis	7Z

Year 8

Abbott, Ruby	8X	Arrowsmith, Isabella	8Z
Billett, Olivia	8W	Bacon-Jones, Tia	8Z
Boshell, Kai	8X	Bates, Ryan	8Z
Carter, Megan	8W	Boyi, Eloane	8Y
Clark, Ellie-Mae	8X	Burgess, Isla	8Z
Dawkins, Hollie	8X	Cadman, Harriet	8Z
Dutton, Lydia	8W	Cartwright, Leah	8Z
Elson, Grace	8X	Clarke, Vinnie	8Y
Harley, Archie	8W	De Castro, Judah	8Y
Harrison, Daniel	8X	Delaney, Olly	8Z
Joshua, Kelvin	8X	Devey, Jacob	8Z
Kane, Jayden	8X	Edwards, Indiya	8Z
Kendrick, Thomas	8X	Element-Stretton, Jayden	8Z
Latham, Stevie-Leigh	8X	Ellis, Grace	8Y
Leesing, Marley	8X	Evans, Riley	8Z
Lloyd, Grace	8W	French, Charlie	8Z
Loverock, Alfie	8W	Gray-Davis, Amelia	8Z
Lunt, Elliot	8W	Guy, Chloe	8Z
Mowe-Hull, Dylan	8W	Harman, Faith	8Y

Upton, Mason	7W		
Walker, Jacob	7W		
Weaver, Emily	7W		
Williams, Harry	7X		
Williams, Megan	7W		
Williams, Paige	7W		

Year 9

Asbury, Megan	9X	Barnett, Jensen	9Y
Barker, Leah	9X	Bingham, Angel	9Z
Barnard, Kacey	9W	Blaymires, Charlie	9Z
Bulai, Cristian	9X	Clarke, Millie	9Z
Dudley-Mowe, Louisa	9X	Daley, A-Jay	9Y
Gosling, Katie	9W	Delaney, Alex	9Y
Gryska, Aurelia	9W	Duckham, Lexi-Lou	9Y
Harley, Olly	9W	Evans, Lola	9Z
Heminsley, Chloe	9W	French, Mia	9Y
James-Brackn all, Lottie	9X	Hickman, Joshua	9Z
Jenkins, Lexi	9W	Homer, Jonathan	9Y
Johnston, Jorja-Jo	9W	Hopps, Tegan	9Z
Kayode, Samuel	9X	Kerr, Sophie	9Z
Leek, Harvey	9X	Lewis, Zach	9Y

Year 10

Barker, Millie	10X	Bayliss, Brooklyn	10Y
Bingham, Roman	10X	Brown, Lola-Louise	10Z
Bradley, Solomon	10X	Burke, Connor	10Y
Brendel, Sonnie	10W	Copeland, Katie	10Y
Brotherton, Amelia	10X	Crone, Max	10Y
Collett, Leisal	10W	Dawkins, Ashley	10Z
Daley, Tye	10W	Dawney, Lyndon	10Y
Davis, Zac	10W	Haste, Lewis	10Z
Despotaki, Georgia	10X	Hickman, Warren	10Y
Ebbans, Kasey	10X	Hunt, Ethan	10Z
Firkin, Owen Junior	10X	Kanyayi, Aisha	10Y
Follett, Conor	10W	Kelley, Leah	10Y
Garbett, Conner	10X	Lane, Brody	10Z
Hardaker, Owen	10X	Lewis, Chloe	10Y

Maycock, Lacey	9W	Munemo, Adonai	9Y
McDonald, Joseph	9X	Nutting, Abigail	9Z
Rowley, Kielan-Leigh	9X	Obakpe, Rhoda	9Z
Salter, Chloe	9W	Parker, James	9Y
Sheldon, Tyler	9W	Pearson, Sophie	9Y
Standing, Callum	9W	Robinson, Jessie	9Y
Stanton, Dominic	9W	Sanders, Lexie	9Y
Toyin-Balogun, Champion	9X	Sephton, Milly-Grace	9Y
Turner-Wilkes, Aiden	9X	Shaw, Courtney	9Z
Vaughan, Kyon	9W	Stanton, Ocean	9Z
Walker, Henry	9X	Stone, Archie	9Z
Watkiss, Khyran	9W	Taylor, Kayden	9Y
		Tehn-Addy, Daniel	9Z
		Walters, Kirsty	9Z

Lee-Clarke , Akyla	10X	Mills, Keira	10Y
Opoku, Henry	10W	Parker, Christian	10Z
Pearson, Thomas	10X	Reynolds, Isaac	10Z
Procter, Maddison	10W	Robinson, Billy	10Y
Rawlins, Katie-Mae	10W	Spooner, Benjamin	10Z
Robins, Bethany	10X	Stokes, Amelia	10Y
Sutcliffe, Eve	10X	Turner-March , Bladenn	10Y
Taylor, Kenzie-Jay	10X	Weaver, Jack	10Z
Ward, Rubie	10X	Weeks, Lily	10Z
Wiggin, Grace	10W	Widdowson, Freya	10Z
Woolley, Jack	10W	Wilding, Owen	10Y
		Williams, Autumn	10Z

Year 11

Benton-Rose, Zachary	11X	Akerman, Heidi	11Y	Bains, Connor	11Z
Dovydaitis, Molly	11X	Babb, Alfie	11Y	Cresswell, Scarlett	11Z
Dutton, Katie	11X	Briggs, Braydon	11Y	Forrester, Sophie	11Z
Hanrahan, Cameron	11X	Cox, AJ	11Y	Lockett, Skye	11Z
Llewellyn, Willow	11X	Dowding-Campbell, Marley	11Y	Moseley, Ava	11Z
Orme, Harry	11X	France, Lewis	11Y	Willetts, Megan	11Z

Orme, Lillian	11X	Jones, Teah	11Y		
Orme, Roxylee	11X	Kallon, M'Balou	11Y		
Peakman, Fiona	11X	Small, Holly	11Y		
Rochelle, Lexi	11X	Woodhouse, Hannah	11Y		
Wheeldon-John, Chloe	11X				