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## **Parent Bulletin - Friday 23rd June 2023**

### **Headteacher Update:**

Dear Parents & Carers

What a week at Great Wyrley Academy. This week has been the ultimate week of events where we have seen a record number of students participating in school events across all subjects. Students have shown real courage, resilience and responsibility and this has been reflected in the record number of Aspire points that our students have received this week.

We have also seen a record number of students exchanging their Aspire points for the rewards of which can be found on the rewards page in the class charts apps. Students have claimed Pizza Parties, stationary, drinks and snacks from the canteen and we have seen a number of students reach 500 Aspire points where they are awarded the Headteachers Award. Our next presentation for this is Monday 26th June during form time and those students who have reached this milestone will meet with me to receive their certificate and badge for them to wear on their blazer with pride. I look forward to presenting many more of these awards as we approach the end of the academic Year. It is important that we continue to reward those students who are going above and beyond and demonstrating our character and learner skills in school. We must remember that whilst outcomes are important for our students so is how we develop their personal potential.

I said that each week we would review our blazer policy which again, students have responded to in a really positive way and so we have decided that for the rest of the academic year students do not have to wear a blazer if they choose not to but, they must have their shirt tucked in and wearing a tie. We have had a very small number of incidents this week where students have been arriving in trainers. I need to remind you that despite it getting towards the end of the year our uniform standards and expectations remain the same. Students should be wearing school shoes at all times. If they are not then they will be placed into refocus until we can rectify the issue. Students are able to borrow shoes or if you would like some additional help with purchasing then please contact your child's Head of Year to see if we can support in any way.

I will leave you to look through the rest of the bulletin. I hope you have a really lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs K Moore  
Headteacher

## School Events for this week:

Thanks to the many parents that have taken the time to fill out a careers and after school questionnaire from the Staffordshire hub we have now received our own bespoke results which will help us to plan our careers provisions more accurately for next year.

To truly unlock a student's future potential is to help them realise the importance of their education and how it links to their future career goals and dreams.



### World Music Day:



We celebrated World Music Day on Wednesday with various activities running throughout the day. As a reward for students who have no negative aspire points they were able to take part in African Drumming and Samba workshops as well as a boomwhacker workshop. The performances were fantastic.

### Moat Hall Sports Day Training:

Well done to the Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils who went across to Moat Hall Primary school to take part in their sports day event training. They are now ready to help lead the different events when Moat Hall hosts their multi academy sports day next Wednesday.



### 2023 Dance Extravaganza

Great Wyrley Academy hosted this year's dance extravaganza collaborating with Cheslyn Hay Academy and Goldsmiths Primary Academy to put on an evening of dance celebrating our wonderful talented students. They were absolutely fantastic.

### Year 11 final goodbyes:

This week Year 11 students attended their official leavers assembly in school. It was a really lovely event where students had the opportunity to do the obligatory shirt signing, receive awards, watch some embarrassing videos and photos going

right back to Year 7. Mrs McCarthy and the Year 11 team did a fantastic job of organising this event. That was followed by the Year 11 prom at The Moat House in Acton Trussell. All students looked AMAZING. We wish them all the very best of luck for the future. You did us proud!



#### **Inter Form Rounders Competition:**

This week Year 8 and 9 took part in a form group rounders competition. There was some exceptional batting and fielding performances across all Year groups. The winning form in Year 8 were 8Y and the winning form group in Year 9 was 9Z. A huge well done to everyone involved.



#### **60 second PE challenge:**

All Year 7 students took part in a 60 minute PE challenge, students had to take part in different challenges that lasted 60 seconds in order to gain points. Points were accrued and students were able to then achieve bronze, silver or gold status overall. Students showed some real learner skills and were collaborative and communicated clearly with their peers. WELL DONE

**Aspire 6th Induction Day:** The 22nd and 23rd June saw our new Year 12 students attend their induction days at Aspire 6th form based at Cheslyn Hay Academy. Students were welcomed by the 6th form team and teaching staff from GWA and CHA. Students experienced taster lessons and team building activities. We hope that this was a really useful and enjoyable experience and we look forward to welcoming them in September.

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## Curriculum Updates for this week:

**Teacher and Learner Effectiveness** *“If we create a culture where we all believe that we need to improve, not because we are not good enough, but because we can be even better, there is no limit to what we can achieve.” - Dylan Wiliam*

Teaching and Learning is the beating heart of our trust family. We believe that teacher effectiveness unlocks the personal and academic potential of the children in our care, enabling them to be all and more than they ever thought they could be.

We strive to create a culture of continuous, incremental improvement by providing the very best professional learning opportunities for our staff. Supporting teachers to improve is our biggest lever to improve learner outcomes

### How we Develop Teacher Effectiveness

- Having a clear vision, framework and consistent language when we speak about Teaching and Learning
- Supporting staff with their understanding of seminal research so that they have a solid foundation for developing their pedagogy and their understanding of how learning and memory work
- Providing staff with world class professional learning opportunities and resources to help them to become the best teacher they can be

### [Developing Teacher and Learner Effectiveness](#)

The teaching and Learning Cycle followed each lesson



**Student Services Updates for this week:**

**A REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS AND CARERS THAT MONDAY 26TH JUNE IS AN INSET DAY AND SO STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND SCHOOL AS PER THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.**

**MESSAGE FROM FAMILY FIRST FOR PARENTS AND CARERS...**

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## Aspire Points

Great Wyrley Academy students have received over 1400 aspire points this week. The top 3 character virtues and learner skills demonstrated this week are being **responsible**, being **respectful** and **communicating clearly**. Well done!



Responsible	277
Respectful	233
Communicate clearly	217
Be organised	152
Self-quiz	125
Resilient	111
Become unstuck	100
Be collaborative	96
Creative	91
Give and receive feedback	21
Compassionate	4
Courageous	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1430</b>

## Top 10 Students

Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10	
Isabella Arrowsmith	16	James Parker	12	Kasey Ebbans	14	Lauren Ebbans	11
Amelia Gray-Davis	12	Adonai Munemo	10	Bethany Robins	14	Jessica Hulse	10
Reuben Hunt	11	Joshua Hickman	9	Eve Sutcliffe	14	Tamzin Booth	6
Noah Poole	11	Ava Walker	9	Katie Copeland	13	Yvonne Kayode	6
Grace Ellis	10	Alex Delaney	8	Lewis Seedhouse	13	Holly Small	6
Layla Peate	10	Kirsty Walters	8	Kenzie-Jay Taylor	13	Madeline Stanton	6
Lucy-May Hodgkiss	9	Ricardo Mohammadi	7	Lewis Haste	12	Saffira Webster	6
Saffron Stanton	9	Tyler Sheldon	7	Georgia Dolman	11	Megan Willetts	6
Lydia Dutton	8	Lyric Taylor	7	Thomas Pearson	11	Heidi Akerman	5
Lily Heeley	8	Kyle Thompson	7	Amelia Stokes	11	Paige Edwards	5