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Parent Bulletin - 24th March 2023

Headteacher Update:

Dear Parents & Carers

This week has been a real busy week as we rapidly approach the end of the school term. Firstly, I would like to thank you for the feedback I have received around the Parent Bulletin. In light of the feedback we will continue to send the Parent Bulletin on a weekly basis and the Safeguarding Parent Bulletin on a fortnightly basis.

We are now into our third week of trialling the move of Year 7 and 8 at break time to the hall with their own serving point and toilets. We have also increased break time by 5 minutes by removing the movement time at the beginning of the day. We have asked for feedback from the students on how they feel that this is working after their concerns and the response has been overwhelmingly positive therefore, we will continue to use the hall and outside quad area as the Year 7 and 8 social area at break time.

I require your support with a matter in school which is mainly affecting the male members of the school population. We have sadly experienced 5 separate episodes of vandalism in our main canteen toilets. This has resulted in expensive repairs and disruption whilst the repairs are taking place. It is also using a range of resources for us to investigate who the culprit(s) are. I must stress that this is limited to the involvement of a minority of students in school who are taking advantage of the fact that we as a school, have chosen not to lock our school toilets during lesson times, despite nationally, this being the approach. Whilst I would like to continue to keep these open during lesson times and not restrict the use of the toilets to break, lunch and movement times. If the vandalism does continue then I will be faced with no other option than to do this. Can I ask that you speak with the students and remind them of the importance of being responsible students and respecting the school property. We will continue to monitor the situation and I will write to you next week with whether or not the situation has improved.

To finish this week I would like to confirm the arrangements for the last day of term which is Friday 31st March. The last day of term for Easter finishes at 3pm and students will be expected to remain in school all day in full uniform. Year group celebration assemblies will take place during that day.

Mrs K Moore
Headteacher

School Events for this week and the upcoming week:

Science Week: The school has been supporting National Science Week and in Science lessons we have seen a range of weird and wonderful things happening in lessons including the dissection of hearts with Mr Tindall. Please see the news and blog page for more details of the post.

By special invitation: Students who have received 0 behaviour points this term have received an invitation from the Headteacher to attend an early lunch with a drink and a sweet treat followed by a special performance of our school show, The Addams Family on Tuesday 28th March. **WELL DONE TO ALL THOSE STUDENTS!**

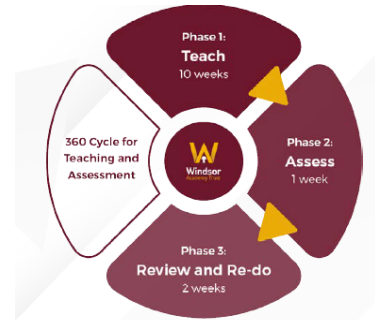
Sports fixtures: Year 7 and 8 girls are to play at home on Wednesday starting at 3.30pm against Perton Middle School. GOOD LUCK!

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

Curriculum Updates for this week:

Students have now reached the Review and Re-do section of the 360 cycle, This is where they will go over knowledge that they have not yet fully mastered.

During this part of the cycle students will be following the 5 R's of feedback to help them make improvements



10 WAYS PARENTS CAN HELP THEIR CHILD REVISE

Exams can be a stressful time for both students and parents.



Emotions run high, and the uncertainty of exam performance looms large. Keen not to say the wrong thing and to offer any support they can, parents play a huge role in their child's mental health and academic achievement ahead of exam season. As a result we have sent the above document to parents of Year 11 and 13 via Parentmail this afternoon.

Student Services Updates for this week:

Great Wyrley Academy students have received over 1600 aspire points this week. The top 3 character virtues and learner skills demonstrated this week are being **responsible**, being **resilient** and **communicating clearly**. They have taken responsibility for their own progress during assessments and remained resilient in overcoming some challenging concepts. Well done to everyone who has received aspire points.



Responsible	235
Resilient	200
Communicate clearly	193
Respectful	175
Be collaborative	154
Be organised	152
Creative	143
Self-quiz	138
Give and receive feedback	111
Become unstuck	84
Compassionate	15
Courageous	12
Total	1612



Parents can use the ClassCharts app to view positive behaviour points as well as any negative sanctions that are given to their child. If you need help setting this up please contact the school.



All our students have ipads or chromebooks to support their learning in the classroom and home. At times students forget to bring in their devices or they are not fully charged. This severely disrupts their learning and slows down the pace of lessons for other students.

Please encourage your child to be **responsible** and bring their devices fully charged to school every day.

If students forget their devices or they are not charged ready for learning they will be issued with a lunchtime detention.