



**Relentlessly Pursuing Excellence**

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## **Parent Bulletin - Friday 26th May 2023**

### **Headteacher Update:**

Dear Parents & Carers

I am writing to you at the end of the first Summer Half Term. It feels like only yesterday we were breaking for Easter. I would like to send my sincere thanks to you all for the support you have given to the school during this half term in particular. For a number of reasons it has been a tough and emotional half term but students have shown real resilience and courage during this time. Students across all Year groups have demonstrated real kindness. I am so proud of each and everyone of them.

The end of a half term is always a good moment for us to pause and reflect on the academic year so far. Whilst there are many things that we have to celebrate we must make sure that even though it is the last half term of the academic year that those standards and expectations remain high as we relentlessly pursue excellence at Great Wyrley Academy. So, I am going to take this opportunity to remind parents, carers and students of some of those expectations in readiness for a fresh start after the May half term.

The standard of uniform at the end of the Year needs to be as high as it was at the beginning of the year. Details of the school uniform and what is appropriate for school can be found in further detail using the following link, there have been no changes to the uniform and we don't intend to make any changes for next academic year as I know this has been a question that many parents have asked me.

<https://www.greatwyrleyacademy.org.uk/school-life/essential-information/school-uniform/?query=unifor>

I must remind you that leggings and trainers are not part of the school uniform. Any student who comes to school wearing incorrect uniform will be placed in refocus, students will be given an opportunity to borrow uniform for the day or until it is rectified and returned to lessons. If students or parents refuse then students will remain in refocus until the issue is rectified.

As you will know, Acrylic, false nails or brightly coloured nail varnish of any kind are also not allowed. Students who do not abide by this will also be placed into refocus until the issue is rectified. There has been an increase in complaints from parents and carers who have paid to have their child's nails done and whilst I sympathise that this is expensive just for them to have them removed, students will not be allowed into the school population whilst wearing them and will be asked to remove them as soon as possible so please bear this in mind during the holidays.

Our mobile phone policy remains in place, mobile phones are also not permitted. Any student who is seen with a mobile phone will have this confiscated for the day. Currently this can be collected at the end of the day from reception. Students who refuse to hand over their phone to a member of staff will

be placed into refocus. I ask you to remind your child that phones are not to be seen and whilst we are happy for them to be carried on their person, they are not to be used during the school day.

There are a number of fantastic events and opportunities still to come in that remaining half term including, work experience week for Year 10, Awards Evening for all students, The Arts Connect celebration event and of course Activity Week in our final week to name a few.

I will leave you to read through the rest of the bulletin but I sincerely hope that you and your families have a safe and restful half term and I look forward to seeing all the students when they return.



Mrs K Moore  
Headteacher

### School and Subject Events for this week:

**The year 8 Steampunk display has gone up in D7 and really showcases the students' creative skills in Art.**



**CALLING ALL YEAR 11 MATHS STUDENTS**  
**A maths virtual session to work through the maths genie paper practice paper will be on Tuesday 30th May.**

**Foundation students to join at 4:00 - 5:30**

***Crossover questions will be approximately 5:00 - 5:30***

**Higher students to join at 5:00 - 6:30**

**Students need to simply go into their Maths google classroom and click on the google meet link to join the session.**

**Be there or be square!**

**Trust Primary school science event:** We were joined today by 30 children from primary schools within the trust. The children participated in a range of Science experiments and displayed some excellent Aspire values such as giving and receiving feedback. We look forward to seeing the pictures.

## Mathematician of the Month

### Year 7

Freya Preston.

Nominated by Mr Frankham for always trying her best and never being afraid to ask questions

Thomas Kendrick

Nominated by Mrs Salter for excellent participation in every single lesson.

### Year 8

Brandon Collins

Nominated by Mr Frankham for always asking amazing questions and giving his all every lesson.

Frankie Willets and Harvey Leek

Nominated by Mrs Salter for excellent effort in lessons.

### Year 9

Leah Barker

Nominated by Mr Frankham for consistently working hard every lesson

Grace Wiggin and Lyndon Dawney

Nominated by Mrs Salter for consistent hard work and effort every single lesson.

### Year 10

Megan Willets, Holly Small and Saffira Webster

Nominated by Mr Studholme for consistent hard work and effort

Lauren Ebbans and Scarlett Cresswell

Nominated by Mr Frankham for an amazing attitude to maths and trying hard every lesson.

### Year 11

Reese Lander-King, Vicky Toyin-Balogun and Dec Mayfield

Nominated by Mrs Salter for amazing effort in booster sessions.

## Fibonacci Sequence

In Maths year 8 have been working on sequences this week and Mr Frankham's 8M1 group have been investigating the Fibonacci sequence. Fibonacci numbers can be found in the natural world all around us. Most flowers, for example, will have a number of petals which correspond with the Fibonacci sequence.

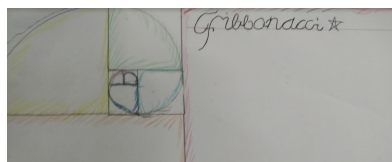
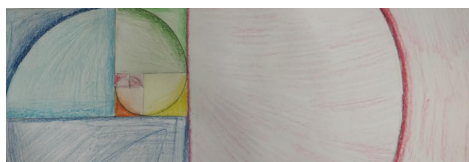
The Fibonacci Spiral can be found in art, biology and many more places.



architecture,

On Tuesday 8M1 had a go at creating their spirals.

own Fibonacci



Who said maths is boring!

**English Poetry Competition:** Last month, our year 7 students took part in a poetry competition hosted by the library in Great Wyrley. They had to write poems around the theme of a 'Greener Earth' and the winner of the under 18 category was one of our year 7 pupils Mya Sykes. As a result Mya will have her work published in an anthology created by the library - fantastic achievement!

**Landywood Primary School Sports Day:** The students were responsible for running the events for all year groups, recording the scores and assisting the primary students with different techniques. They worked hard all day and were a credit to the school. Landywood were very impressed with all the students. Well done and thank you to:

- Lexi Rochelle
- Layla Hinds
- Jessica Hulse
- Holly Small
- Jack Haynes
- Lewis France
- Thomas Pearson
- William Lavender
- Lola-Louise Brown
- Lily Weeks
- Bethany Robbins
- Katie-Mae Rawlins



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

## Curriculum Updates for this week:

### Year 10 MyTutor English and Maths Tuition:

After the half term break, 30 of our Year 10 students will be receiving 1 to 1 tuition from skilled University graduates to work on their English and Maths. Over the course of the next year we aim for the majority of students in current Year 10 to experience these tuition sessions. Using their online tuition platform and experienced university tutors, they help raise children's grades and confidence . We know that regular attendance with MyTutor lessons can help students make 1 whole grade of progress after just 10 lessons.

<https://www.mytutor.co.uk/>



### What are students learning in French?

- Verb Conjugation
- Gender
- Grammatical patterns
- Language and culture
- Phonics
- Lexical retrieval
- Creativity

[French Threshold Concepts](#)



### What are students learning in Technology?

**Year 7:** Desk tidy project, Kitchen safety, Cubiee project

**Year 8:** Bird box project, International cuisines, CAD manipulation

**Year 9:** Metal manipulation, Science of food, Photomontage

**Year 10:** Continuing their options subject

[KS3 ADT Learning Journey](#)



## Student Services Updates for this week:

Great Wyrley Academy students have received over 2100 aspire points this week. The top 3 character virtues and learner skills demonstrated this week are being **organised**, being **responsible** and **self-quizzing**. They have been engaged in **self-quizzing** to assess their own understanding of learning this half-term. Well done to all for aiming high and excelling



Self-quiz	391
Responsible	390
Be organised	328
Communicate clearly	198
Creative	196
Respectful	190
Resilient	119
Become unstuck	113
Give and receive feedback	105
Be collaborative	80
Compassionate	69
Courageous	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>2194</b>

## Aspire Points: Top 10 Students

Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11	
Jayden Kane	16	Tegan Hopps	24	Keira Mills	18	Shaian Cele	11	Katie Miller	17
Layla Spink	16	Kirsty Walters	20	Aisha Kanyayi	16	Katie Dutton	10	Harry Griffiths	4
Olly Delaney	15	Michelle Memela	16	Kenzie-Jay Taylor	14	Madeline Stanton	7	Madison Williams	4
Indiya Edwards	14	Adonai Munemo	16	Georgia Dolman	13	Megan Willetts	7	Stevie-Jo Andrews	3
Isabella Arrowsmith	13	Abigail Nutting	14	Robyn Geddes	13	Summa Williamson	7	Lucy Emery	3
Charlie French	13	Brandon Collins	13	Katie-Mae Rawlins	13	Abigail Follows	6	Ellie Devey	2
Phoebe Foster	12	Dominic Stanton	13	Lewis Seedhouse	13	Sophie Forrester	6	Brandon Fisher	2
Megan Carter	11	Daniel Tehn-Addy	12	Benjamin Spooner	13	Lewis France	6	Sage Hands	2
Lily Heeley	11	Amari Hamilton-Morris	11	Kasey Ebbans	12	Olivia Hayward	6	Shaun Hayward	2
Joshua Niles	11	Harvey Leek	11	Conner Garbett	12	William Herrick	6	Tayla Homer	2