



Relentlessly Pursuing Excellence

Parent Bulletin - Friday 28th April 2023

Headteacher Update:

Dear Parents & Carers

The year is flying by and I write to you in the second week of the summer term already. This week there was some slight disruption to the working week due to strike action which meant that Year 7,8 and 9 have worked remotely whilst Year 10 and 11 remained in school. As you will know this is a very fluid situation and we are continually monitoring the situation and working closely with our staff to ensure that we can operate as normally as we can. I would like to thank you for your patience and support with this, especially as we had to refine the intended plan at the last moment. On Tuesday 2nd May we will encounter further strike action and I intend to remain open for all Year groups. If this is to change in any way I will notify you on Monday even though this is a bank holiday. I am hopeful that this will not be necessary.

We have continued to push those high expectations this week and students have responded well to the reinforcement of those rules and we have seen a reduction in the use of mobile phones and students not attending lunch time and after school detentions which has meant fewer students in refocus. There are still too many students abusing the toilet system during lesson time and we are still seeing acts of vandalism. I did mention previously that whilst I have refrained from locking the toilets during lesson time I will take this action if it continues. So that this silly and reckless behaviour does not ruin it for the rest of the students we have taken quite a hard lined approach when investigating who is responsible. We are pinpointing the moment that the toilets are not damaged. Identifying the moment when they are damaged and tracking students who have entered during that time period. All students are then asked to write a statement and if we are not able to identify the culprit, all those students will be suspended and dealt the same punishment based on the balance of probability that they had something to do with it or at least knew who it was and so are guilty by association. Student feedback to me is that they are sick of the toilets being damaged and they are on board with this approach. I hope I can also count on your support with this.

Year 11 exam season started for a few children this week with the Art practical exam. Students have worked solidly for 3 days to create some real masterpieces and we look forward to seeing the finished articles. Year 11 parents and carers will also know that this week we have launched Teatime Test which is a revision initiative getting the parents and carers actively involved helping the students to revise. Please refer to your parent mail account for all of this week's Teatime tests. Year 11 students can also access this on their Year group google classroom.

Next week we will be holding "*Coronation Treat*" for all of our students on Friday 5th May to celebrate the Kings Coronation. Further details of this event will be shared with staff and students next week and we will provide some pictures and a summary of the day in next week's school events for the week section.

Finally, I would like to launch our trust wide event, WAT a RUN. This is a trust wide fundraising event and some of our staff are participating in WAT a Run on 13th & 14th May! They're taking on this challenge to raise funds for the Windsor Academy Trust Community Foundation, supporting projects that create lasting change for young people and their families in our communities. Here at GWA we will be launching our "Move around may" initiative to help support the cause at a school level. Students will be involved in a number of different events during the month of May. We will provide images and further details each week in the school events section on how well the students have participated.

Staff at the school, including myself, are committing to various distances along the route towards our collective target of 2000km. Let's show our support and help them reach their fundraising goals! Please donate and share their fundraising link:

<https://heartofenglandcommunityfoundation.enthuse.com/cf/windsor-academy-trust-wat-a-run>

I hope you have a really lovely long weekend and thank you, as always for all your support.



Mrs K Moore
Headteacher

School Events for this week:

Jekyll & Hyde Theatre trip: Year 10 students attended a theatre performance on Jekyll and Hyde to help support their GCSE English preparations. Students received some really lovely comments from the staff at the event on their behaviour and respectful conduct. WELL DONE YEAR 10.

Paralympian school visit: Students in Year 7,8 and 9 met Mel Clarke silver medalist for GB at the 2012 summer paralympics. Students were invited to listen to a talk from Mel and ask questions. Students found this really valuable and were excited to see the olympic torch.

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

Curriculum Updates for this week:

What are students studying in Maths this cycle?

Year 7: Coordinates, Functionality, Multiplicativity, Ratio

Year 8: Turn, Angles, Linearity, Gradient

Year 9: Ratio, Proportion, Shapes, Angles

Year 10: Delving into Data, Angles and Bearings, Trigonometry

Year 11: Final preparations for GCSE's



[Maths Learning Journey](#)



What are students studying in Drama this cycle?

Year 7: Performance skills. Live theatre review

Year 8: Practitioners, Live theatre review

Year 9: Acting, Live theatre review

Year 10 (options): Practitioners, Performance styles, Analysis skills

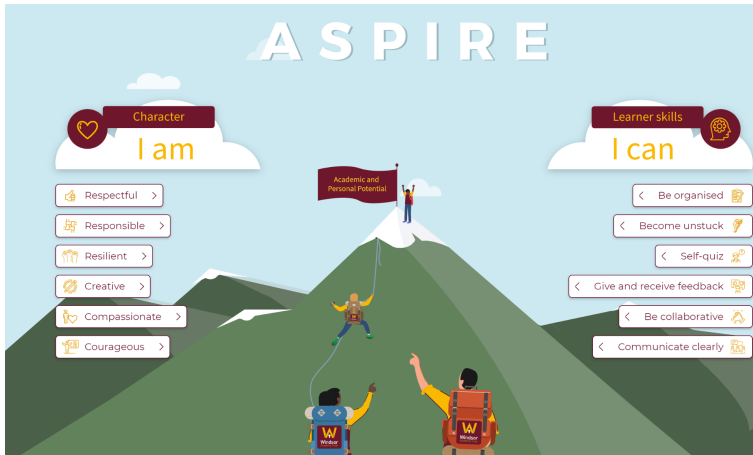
Year 11 (options): Final preparations for GCSE's

[Drama Learning Journey](#)

Student Services Updates for this week:

WOW: What a record breaking week!

Great Wyrley Academy students have received over 2692 aspire points this week. The top 3 character virtues and learner skills demonstrated this week are being **responsible**, being **organised** and **communicating clearly**.



Responsible	477
Communicate clearly	440
Be organised	344
Respectful	343
Self-quizz	267
Resilient	241
Creative	169
Be collaborative	167
Become unstuck	126
Courageous	59
Give and receive feedback	51
Compassionate	8
Total	2692

Prepared For Excellence: Be organised

Students need the following basic equipment every lesson

Pen and pencil



Ruler



Calculator



Ipad



