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Parent Bulletin - Friday 3rd May 2024

Headteacher Update:

Dear Parents & Carers,

I trust this letter finds you all in good spirits as we embrace the blossoming of spring! There's a tangible sense of excitement and anticipation swirling around our school as we gear up for the Year 11 exams which officially start on Tuesday 7th May. It's incredible to witness the dedication and camaraderie of our Year 11 students permeating throughout the entire school. From the early morning form time Maths study sessions to the last-minute revision sessions and drop down days, their determination is truly infectious. It warms my heart to see them supporting each other as they tackle this important milestone together.

But it's not just our Year 11s who are feeling the buzz! The spirit of determination and perseverance is spreading like wildfire, inspiring students across all year groups to give their best in everything they do. It's a testament to the fantastic sense of community we have here at Great Wyrley Academy.

And speaking of excitement, I'm delighted to announce that our school has organised a trip to the Manchester City ground that has everyone buzzing with anticipation! This fantastic opportunity promises a day filled with thrilling football action and coaching and serves as a chance for our students to bond outside the classroom. I have no doubt it will be an unforgettable experience for all involved, we look forward to hearing all about it in next week's bulletin.

As we navigate through the flurry of exams and exciting events, I'd like to take a moment to emphasise the importance of attendance. While exams and trips are undeniably thrilling, regular attendance lays the foundation for academic success. Attending school regularly ensures that students stay on top of their studies, maintain a sense of routine, and maximise their learning potential. As always I have included a link to the [NHS guidance](#) on whether my child is too ill to attend school. It is important that we work together to ensure each day matter.

I will leave you now to read through the rest of the bulletin, have a lovely long weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs K Moore
Headteacher

School Events for this week:

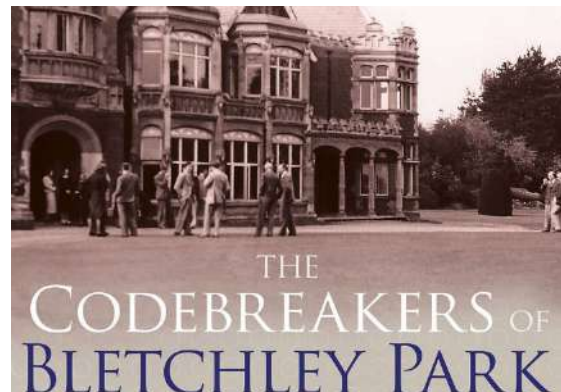
Drama theatre trip:

On Wednesday 1st May, 33 selected students attended the Birmingham Hippodrome Theatre to watch Blood Brothers. This play tells the story of two twin boys who are separated at birth and go on to live very different lives - one with money and success, and one without. This play is studied throughout GCSE Drama, and it was a great opportunity for students to delve into the story in preparation for their upcoming exam.

Not only were the students a credit to themselves, but they were also a credit to our school. Their behaviour and attitude was exceptional. It was great to see them so enthusiastic and engaged.

Maths Trip: Attention all Year 7 students! The Maths department are thrilled to announce an exciting trip to Bletchley Park, the historic site where codebreakers helped change the course of World War II. Mathematics played a pivotal role at Bletchley Park, where it was used to break enemy codes and ciphers. The mathematicians, including Alan Turing, devised innovative techniques and algorithms to decipher encrypted messages, such as the Enigma machine. Their mathematical insights enabled them to understand patterns, exploit weaknesses, and ultimately decrypt enemy communications, providing vital intelligence to the Allies. Without the mathematical prowess of the codebreakers, Bletchley Park's success in intercepting and decoding enemy messages would not have been possible. The application of mathematics at Bletchley Park not only contributed to the Allied victory in World War II but also laid the foundation for modern cryptography and computing. The visit will include a workshop, an outside guided tour of the Park, free time during which pupils can explore the exhibitions and buildings. What to expect when you visit Bletchley Park

<https://youtu.be/iwoU7Mjvm4Q>



Maths House Competitions - The results are in!

Over the last two weeks students have been working hard on Times Table Rockstars in their own time to win points for their house by taking part in the Maths House Competitions. The results are now in!!!

TTRS - Life time earnings						TTRS -SPEED					
1	James	Hayward	Year 7	Y	10	Rank	First Name	Last Name	Year	House	Points
2	Jenson	Slater	Year 7	X	9	1	Jayden	Element-Stretton	Year 8	Z	10
3	Charlie	French	Year 8	Z	8	2	Charlie	French	Year 8	Z	9
4	Wilson	Ebagua	Year 7	W	7	3	George	Rochelle	Year 8	X	8
5	William	Taylor	Year 7	W	6	4	Charlie	Williams	Year 8	X	7
6	Freddie	Skelton	Year 7	X	5	5	Jenson	Slater	Year 7	Z	6
7	Sonia	Nock	Year 7	W	4	6	William	Taylor	Year 7	W	5
8	Lydia	Perry	Year 7	X	3	7	Laila-Faith	Hall	Year 7	Y	4
9	Millie	Tisdell	Year 7	Y	2	8	Jayden	Kane	Year 8	X	3
10	Preston	Edwards	Year 7	X	1	9	Phoebe	Foster	Year 8	X	2
						10	Wilson	Ebagua	Year 7	W	1

PE, Sport and Dance:

Rounders:

This week we have finished the House Rounders competitions. Please see below for the results.

'WAT a RUN' GWA 1 Mile:

As the 'WAT a Run' draws near we are asking all students to walk, jog and run 1 mile in their PE lessons to raise money for the WAT Bed and Breakfast campaign. We have sent all students home with a letter and sponsorship form to collect as much as possible for this worthy cause. If you are able to, please help sponsor your child in this event. We have asked all students for £1/£2 which can be given at their PE lesson. All sponsorship money over £2 needs to be returned in a sealed envelope with the student name on and returned with the sponsorship form to reception by Friday 10th May. This week we have completed the Year 7 and Year 8 'One Mile Run' with Year 9 and 10s to take place Wednesday 8th May.

Man City Trip:

The Man City trip is on Tuesday 7th May. A letter with the itinerary and timings was sent home last week. Students have also been given a hard copy of the letter during a meeting on Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that your child is at school for 6:30am as the coach will leave GWA at 7:00am prompt. We aim to return to the academy for 6pm.





KS3 DT

Students continue to amaze us with their enthusiasm and hard working attitude towards their DT subjects this week.

So much creativity and collaborative practices shown in all lessons. They really are a credit to the school.

Pictures from Year 7 and 8



DT Food competition

The ADT department is looking forward to seeing how creative our students are in their biscuit decorating skills next week.

Let's hope they leave us some to try!

Decorate a Biscuit for your House.



Each biscuit decorated will win a house point (you also get to eat it!)

First come first serve. Only 100 biscuits per day

Lunchtime in D6

- Y7 and Y8 - Tuesday 7th May
- Y9 and Y10 - Wednesday 8th May
- Y11 + All Tutors - Thursday 9th May



House Rounders Tournament Continued

Well done to everybody that competed for their house this week in the house rounders competition. The points have been added and the results are now in.

Year 7- Joint First Place: Warriors and Raptors.

Year 8- First Place: Lions

Year 9- First Place: Wolves

Year 10- First Place: Raptors.

Overall Result - 1st Place Raptors

2nd Place: Lions

3rd Place: Wolves

4th Place: Warriors



Craft Club:

Our Craft Club have been decorating pots....ready for our plants to go in. We planted seeds last week. This week we have got the pots nearly ready.



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

Curriculum Updates for this week:

Year 11 English Quiz Night

Year 11 students have been invited to take part in the 'Big Literature Quiz' on Tuesday 7th May, 3-4pm in the library. This is an opportunity for a more relaxed take on revision in the run up to exams and will recap key knowledge needed for all GCSE Literature texts. Please encourage your child's attendance!



UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

On Thursday 25th April many of our hard working year 7 and 8 students took part in the national junior maths challenge. This is a yearly challenge and is designed to give the best young mathematicians around the country something to really push their maths in unusual and challenging directions.



United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust

This year our students performed extremely well with several stand out performances. In Year 8 Harry Ridgeway scored a silver award, a huge achievement with 6 others achieving an impressive bronze.

In year 7 there were 8 bronze awards, a massive win when considering they sat the same challenge as year 8 students across the country. Katherine Landers in year 7 had a truly stand out performance and walked away with a silver award and the highest individual score in the school!

Well done to all of the mathematicians who took part and we look forward to them doing even better next year!

Extra-curricular Clubs Schedule

	Which club?	For which Year Groups?	With who?	Where?	At what time?
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
Monday (A)	Year 7 Boys Football	7	Mr Phillips		
Monday (B)	Year 8/9 Boys Football	8 and 9	Mr Phillips		
	Which club?	For which Year Groups?	With who?	Where?	At what time?
Tuesday	Set Design Club	All	Mrs Down	D8	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	Ski Fit	Ski Trip students / All	PPH		
Tuesday	Duke of Edinburgh Award	9 and 10	Mr Stephenson	Science	3-4pm
Tuesday (A)	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	ADT Homework Club	All	Mrs Down	D8	Lunch
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 (TBC)	Food Club	Year 8	Miss Smith	D6	3-4pm (TBC)
	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
Friday	Eco Club	All	Mrs Holmes	S8	3-4pm

Year 11 Booster sessions

The exam season starts next week and we have recently shared with our Year 11 students and parents a timetable for Booster sessions and Pre-examination briefings. Please ask your child to see this and also access via the parentmail message sent today.

Good luck to all our Year 11 students over the next month!

Student Services Updates for this week:

Great Wyrley Academy students have received nearly 7500 aspire points this week. The top 3 character virtues and learner skills demonstrated this week are **being respectful, communicating clearly and being responsible**.



Responsible	648
Communicate clearly	406
Respectful	380
Be organised	249
Become unstuck	205
Creative	147
Be collaborative	85
Give and receive feedback	84
Self-quiz	55
Resilient	54
Courageous	53
Compassionate	5

Top 10 Aspire Points (@ 12:00 pm Fri 3 May)

Year 7				Year 8				Year 9			
Millie	Tisdell	7Y	35	Lydia	Dutton	8W	36	Ricardo	Mohammadi	9Z	40
Katherine	Landers	7W	31	Rain	Taylor	8X	36	Champion	Toyin-Balogun	9X	23
Edward	Crump	7W	30	Dom	Horton	8Y	32	Freya	Lane	9Y	20
Reuben	Ford	7W	29	Violet-May	Hannon	8Y	31	Ocean	Stanton	9Z	20
Taliah	Bowes	7Y	25	Isaac	Kneller	8X	31	Callum	Standing	9W	19
Jessica	Buckler	7Y	25	Freya	Preston	8Y	31	Samuel	Kayode	9X	17
Sonia	Nock	7W	25	Ellie-Mae	Clark	8X	29	Michelle	Memela	9Z	17
Peyton	Birkett	7Y	24	Hollie	Dawkins	8X	29	Chloe	Salter	9W	17
Caelan	Bowen	7W	24	Charlie	French	8Z	29	Dominic	Stanton	9W	17
Riley	Kerr	7Y	24	Kelvin	Joshua	8X	29	Cristian	Bulai	9X	16

Year 10				Year 11			
James	Oxley	10W	34	Mia	Lane	11Z	32
Leisal	Collett	10W	32	Shaian	Cele	11Z	22
Grace	Wiggin	10W	32	Layla	Hinds	11Y	21
Solomon	Bradley	10X	30	Harry	Orme	11X	20
Amelia	Brotherton	10X	30	Madeline	Stanton	11Y	20
Tye	Daley	10W	29	Katie	Dutton	11X	19
Christian	Parker	10Z	29	Lexi	Rochelle	11X	19
Kasey	Ebbans	10X	27	Eva	Nightingale	11Z	18
Kenzie-Jay	Taylor	10X	27	Lauren	Ebbans	11Y	17
Rome	Taylor	10Z	27	Yvonne	Kayode	11Y	17

Well done to LYDIA DUTTON (8W) for getting the most Aspire Points this week and being BEST IN SCHOOL

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							
LIONS		RAPTORS		WARRIORS		WOLVES	
Abbott, Noah	7W	Andrews, Frankie	7X	Birkett, Peyton	7Y	Bayliss, Logan	7Z
Bowen, Caelan	7W	Bacon-Jones, Tyler	7X	Bowes, Taliah	7Y	Farrell, Cameron	7Z
Clark, Alfie	7W	Brooks, Jaquan	7X	Brooks, Riley	7Y	Fitzsimons, Meabh	7Z
Cook, Poppy	7W	Copeland, Evie	7X	Buckler, Jessica	7Y	Gorman, Oliver	7Z
Evans, Harry	7W	Davies, Bella	7X	Burton, Logan	7Y	Halmo, Noemi	7Z
Flynn, Grace	7W	Finch, Joshua	7X	Clarke, Callum	7Y	Hulse, Kodie	7Z
Harris, Will	7W	Fletcher, Avary-Lea	7X	Delaney, Brodi	7Y	Kerr, Lewis	7Z
Howell, Oscar	7W	Franks, Lacey	7X	Fisher, Alex	7Y	Kus, Harry	7Z
Jackson, Nicole-Lea	7W	Gradev, Ventsislav	7X	Hall, Laila-Faith	7Y	Law-Edwards, Ellis	7Z
Jakes, Evie-Mae	7W	Graham, Ky	7X	Harris, Millie	7Y	Lloyd, Ashton	7Z
Landers, Katherine	7W	Gunn, Dexi-Beau	7X	Hayward, James	7Y	Manley, Jade	7Z
Marshall, Miley	7W	Heath, Isabella	7X	Kayode, Bryan	7Y	Mohammadi, Leah	7Z
Molineux, Ellie	7W	Leighton, Gabriella	7X	Kerr, Riley	7Y	Morris, Ashley	7Z
Nock, Sonia	7W	Martin, Bailee	7X	Lines, Cole	7Y	Parker, Frankie	7Z
Noon, Paige	7W	Mayfield, Rocky	7X	Peakman, Eden	7Y	Pattihis, Leonidas	7Z
Perry, Lydia	7W	Moseley, Isabella	7X	Plummer, Evie	7Y	Plant, Ruby	7Z
Shotton, Holly	7W	Price, Darci	7X	Rushton, William	7Y	Potter, Ollie	7Z
Williams, Megan	7W	Russell, Louie	7X	Sedgwick, Eli	7Y	Randell, Bradley	7Z
Williams, Paige	7W	Turner, Alice	7X	Selvey, Eden	7Y	Rocks, Aidriane	7Z
Wootton, Darcey	7W	Upton, Mason	7X	Stokes, Jack	7Y	Shooter, Aleisha	7Z
		Williams, Harry	7X	Tisdell, Millie	7Y	Slater, Jenson	7Z
						Smith, Brodie	7Z
						Taylor, Libby	7Z
						Telford, Beau	7Z
						Wall, Jorge	7Z
						Walsh, Daniel	7Z

YEAR 8							
LIONS		RAPTORS		WARRIORS		WOLVES	
Billett, Olivia	8W	Boshell, Kai	8X	Arrowsmith, Emie-Lou	8Y	Arrowsmith, Isabella	8Z
Carter, Megan	8W	Clark, Ellie-Mae	8X	Bridges, Ashley	8Y	Bingham, Taylor	8Z
Dutton, Lily	8W	Dawkins, Hollie	8X	De Castro, Judah	8Y	Burgess, Isla	8Z
Dutton, Lydia	8W	Elmore, Jayden	8X	Ellis, Grace	8Y	Cadman, Harriet	8Z
Hunt, Reuben	8W	Harrison, Daniel	8X	Gillion, Xander	8Y	Devey, Jacob	8Z
Jarvis, Oliver	8W	Hill, Macey	8X	Hannon, Violet-May	8Y	Edwards, Indiya	8Z
Lloyd, Grace	8W	Joshua, Kelvin	8X	Harman, Faith	8Y	Element-Stretton, Jayden	8Z
Loverock, Alfie	8W	Kendrick, Thomas	8X	Hems, Dainton	8Y	French, Charlie	8Z
Lunt, Elliot	8W	Leesing, Marley	8X	Horton, Dom	8Y	Gray-Davis, Amelia	8Z
Palmer, Joshua	8W	Noon, Megan	8X	Hutchinson, Xavier	8Y	Heeley, Lily	8Z
Potter, Lexie	8W	Severn, Beau	8X	Jones, Harry	8Y	Jackanowska, Chanel	8Z
Read, Daisy	8W	Spink, Layla	8X	Norton, Oliver	8Y	Jones-Williams, Lexii	8Z
Ridgway, Harry	8W	Stanton, Saffron	8X	Nye, Elliott	8Y	Niles, Joshua	8Z
Skelton, Ava	8W	Taylor, Rain	8X	Preston, Freya	8Y	Poole, Noah	8Z
Small, Logan	8W			Raymond, Lewie	8Y	Rochelle, George	8Z
Taylor, Isabella	8W			Summerton, Jonathan	8Y	Sykorova, Nicole	8Z
Trow, Olivia	8W						
Wootton, Poppy	8W						

YEAR 9							
LIONS		RAPTORS		WARRIORS		WOLVES	
Barnard, Kacey	9W	Asbury, Megan	9X	Barnett, Jensen	9Y	Bingham, Angel	9Z
Buckley, Nathan	9W	Bulai, Cristian	9X	Clarke, Scarlett	9Y	Blaymires, Charlie	9Z
Gosling, Katie	9W	Collins, Brandon	9X	Daley, A-Jay	9Y	Evans, Lola	9Z
Gryska, Aurelia	9W	Dudley-Mowe, Louisa	9X	Delaney, Alex	9Y	Ford, Alice	9Z
Salter, Chloe	9W	Evans, Isaac	9X	Duckham, Lexi-Lou	9Y	Hickman, Joshua	9Z
Sheldon, Tyler	9W	Kayode, Samuel	9X	Homer, Jonathan	9Y	Hopps, Tegan	9Z

Stanton, Dominic	9W	Leek, Harvey	9X	Lane, Freya	9Y	Kerr, Sophie	9Z
Street, Phoebe	9W	Mills, Paige	9X	Parker, James	9Y	Memela, Michelle	9Z
Taylor, Lyric	9W	Rowley, Kielan-Leigh	9X	Robinson, Jessie	9Y	Merrick, Teagan	9Z
Vaughan, Kyon	9W	Walker, Henry	9X	Sanders, Lexie	9Y	Mohammadi, Ricardo	9Z
Watkiss, Khyran	9W	Willetts, Frankie	9X	Sephton, Milly-Grace	9Y	Nutting, Abigail	9Z
				Westwood, Alfie	9Y	Obakpe, Rhoda	9Z
						Pearce, Keeley	9Z
						Shaw, Courtney	9Z
						Stanton, Ocean	9Z
						Stone, Archie	9Z
						Walters, Kirsty	9Z

YEAR 10							
LIONS		RAPTORS		WARRIORS		WOLVES	
Collett, Leisal	10W	Barker, Millie	10X	Burke, Connor	10Y	Bateman, Lauren	10Z
Daley, Tye	10W	Bingham, Roman	10X	Copeland, Katie	10Y	Brittle, William	10Z
Davis, Zac	10W	Bradley, Solomon	10X	Geddes, Robyn	10Y	Brown, Lola-Louise	10Z
Fardon, Carl	10W	Brotherton, Amelia	10X	Kanyayi, Aisha	10Y	Clarke, Alfie	10Z
Halls, Monique	10W	Despotaki, Georgia	10X	Kelley, Leah	10Y	Dawkins, Ashley	10Z
Opoku, Henry	10W	Ebbans, Kasey	10X	Lewis, Chloe	10Y	Dolman, Georgia	10Z
Oxley, James	10W	Firkin, Owen Junior	10X	Robinson, Billy	10Y	Hunt, Ethan	10Z
Procter, Maddison	10W	Garbett, Conner	10X	Stokes, Amelia	10Y	Lane, Brody	10Z
Wiggin, Grace	10W	Hardaker, Owen	10X	Trow, Riley	10Y	Parker, Christian	10Z
Woolley, Jack	10W	Lavender, William	10X	Turner-March, Bladenn	10Y	Price, Olivia	10Z
		Robins, Bethany	10X	Wilding, Owen	10Y	Spooner, Benjamin	10Z
		Rogers, Freddie	10X			Stanton, Tyler	10Z
		Seedhouse, Lewis	10X			Widdowson, Freya	10Z
		Sutcliffe, Eve	10X			Williams, Autumn	10Z
		Taylor, Kenzie-Jay	10X				

		Ward, Rubie	10X			
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YEAR 11					
RAPTORS		WARRIORS		WOLVES	
Allen, Cameron	11X	Akerman, Heidi	11Y	Bowles, Harry	11Z
Bolton, Romeo	11X	Babb, Alfie	11Y	Coffey, Josh	11Z
Dutton, Katie	11X	Ebbans, Lauren	11Y	Cooper, Taylor-Mae	11Z
Herrick, William	11X	France, Lewis	11Y	Hayward, Olivia	11Z
Hughes, Kenzie	11X	Hopley, Jarvis	11Y	Hulse, Jessica	11Z
Mason, Joel-Sebastian	11X	Howell, Cam	11Y	Palmer, Reece	11Z
Natanson, Sam	11X	Kayode, Yvonne	11Y	Startin, Annabel	11Z
Norgrove, Cayden	11X	Lewis, Daniel	11Y	Tooker, Libby	11Z
Orme, Harry	11X	Maulin, Isabella	11Y	Woodhall, Stephen	11Z
Peakman, Fiona	11X	Patrick, Hayden	11Y		
Smallman, Issy	11X	Pearse, Elliot	11Y		
Tehn-Addy, Michael	11X	Small, Holly	11Y		
Townsend, Jamie	11X	Whitlock, Oliver	11Y		
Webster, Saffira	11X	Whittle, Taylor	11Y		
		Williams, Archie	11Y		