



**Relentlessly Pursuing Excellence**

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## **Parent Bulletin - Friday 9th June 2023**

### **Headteacher Update:**

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope that you all had a relaxing half term. The return to school this week has been a really positive one with students having a good attitude to learning and coming to school fully equipped, ready to learn. The Year 11 and 13 exam timetable is in full swing and students continue to remain focused. We are so proud of the resilience the students have shown during this time and we look forward to seeing their results in August.

This last half term is particularly exciting as we have many fantastic events coming up including the Year 11 prom, the new Year 7 induction day and evening, the summer concert, Year 10 work experience week, awards evening and activities week to end the academic year. Invitations for Awards evening will be sent in the next couple of weeks, this is a great opportunity for us to celebrate some fantastic student successes from the Academic Year. More details on the logistics of this will follow shortly.

As you will have seen the met office is forecasting some more glorious weather for next week and the temperatures will be rising a little further, having listened to students and parents we have decided that we will make a decision on the Friday for the week ahead as to the requirements for blazers so, for the week beginning 12th June, students are not required to wear a blazer in school however, all students must be wearing their school shirt which is tucked in with a school tie. We will review this next Friday. This allows us to be sensible and alleviates any confusion on the rules. I would also suggest that during the rest of the summer term students bring a bottle or flask which they can use at break and lunch time to refill with water. I also need to remind you of the rule on trainers as per our policy. Trainers are not permitted at GWA. Any student with incorrect footwear will be placed into refocus until the issue is rectified. Students also have the option to borrow until new shoes can be purchased. We appreciate your support with this.

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

Kind regards

Mrs Moore

Mrs K Moore  
Headteacher

## School Events/News for this week:



### Time tables Rockstars

Did you know that Year 7, 8 and 9 all have access to Time Tables Rockstars? Times Tables Rock Stars is a maths programme that takes all the worry out of learning times tables and has a proven track record of boosting children's fluency and recall in multiplication and division. Students can download the app onto their iPads and usernames and passwords are available from their maths teachers.

All year Key Stage 3 students have been competing for a place on the leaderboard. Jayden Element-Stretton has been top of the fastest time leaderboard all year! On average Jayden completes each question in 0.53 seconds!! That's fast!! Whilst Regan Burton and Charlie French have been battling it out to be at the top of the lifetime earnings leaderboard.

If you think you're faster than Jayden or can earn more than Regan and Charlie then make sure you are logging in. It could be your name at the top of the leaderboard next month! Please see your maths teacher if you have forgotten your username and password.

### Fastest Time Leaderboard

Ra	Name	Rockname	Initial Studio Speed	Current Studio Speed	Rock Status	Lifetime Earnings	Maths Band
1	Jayden Element-Stretton	Peter Griswold	0.85	0.53	Rock Hero	18,126	7M1
2	Charlie French	Omeo Briggs	1.83	0.73	Rock Hero	50,310	7M1
3	Charlie Williams	Shelby Howe	1.52	0.74	Rock Hero	7,567	7M3
4	Jayden Kane	Spider Gilbert	1.45	0.87	Rock Hero	4,200	7M1
5	Phoebe Foster	Chi Pigpen	1.05	0.89	Rock Hero	7,953	7M1
6	Liam Shaw	Spider Bowie	1.17	1.04	Rock Legend	9,748	9M2
7	Regan Burton	Bongo Leone	1.15	1.16	Rock Legend	27,048	9M3
8	Olly Delaney	Calvin Storm	1.19	1.19	Rock Legend	505	7M2
9	Joshua Palmer	Moo Domino	1.36	1.20	Rock Legend	4,497	7M1
10	Alfie Loverock	Doctor McRock	1.73	1.30	Rock Legend	4,120	7M1

## Lifetime Earnings Leaderboard

Rank	Name	Rockname	Initial Studio Speed	Current Studio Speed	Rock Status	Lifetime Earnings	Maths Band
1	Charlie French	Omeo Briggs	1.83	0.73	Rock Hero	50,310	7M1
2	Regan Burton	Bongo Leone	1.15	1.16	Rock Legend	27,048	9M3
3	Rome Taylor	Kelly Red Mouth	4.76	4.76	Support Act	19,895	9M3
4	Ellie-Mae Clark	Alyssa Moon	-	-	New Artist	18,205	7M4
5	Jayden Element-Stretton	Peter Griswold	0.85	0.53	Rock Hero	18,126	7M1
6	Lily Dutton	Lady Gray	-	-	New Artist	17,719	7M1
7	Freya Preston	Marty Burger	-	-	New Artist	13,054	7M3
8	Tia Bacon-Jones	Roxy Hart	5.56	4.17	Support Act	11,725	7M3
9	Isabella Arrowsmith	Bella Levine	3.31	3.70	Headliner	11,562	7M1
10	Grace Wiggan	King Burnette	-	-	New Artist	10,383	9M3

### Dance Competition Winner

Year 10 student Kenzie Hughes took part in a dance competition at Stoke on Trent at Quick Slow Studio - Prestars. This was a Latin and Ballroom competition, the dance styles covered included The Waltz, Tango, Samba and Rumba.

Kenzie won first place in all of his competitions. This is a huge achievement and we are all extremely proud of him. Go Kenzie!

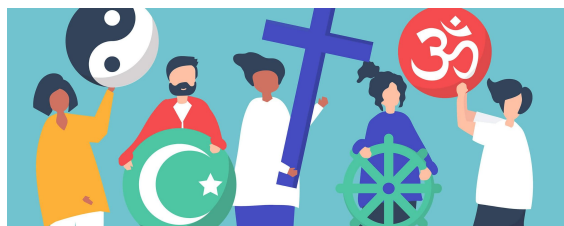


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## Curriculum Updates for this week:

### What are we learning in RE?

Year 7- Philosophy of religion  
 Year 8 - Social justice and equality  
 Year 9 - Peace, protest and the media  
 Year 10 - Religion, peace and conflict  
 and Religion, crime and punishment



[RE Learning Journey](#)



### What are we learning in Geography?

Year 7 - People everywhere  
 Year 8 - Global issues  
 Year 9 - Glacial worlds  
 Year 10 - Natural hazards and Changing economic world

[Geography Learning Journey](#)

## Student Services Updates for this week:

Great Wyrley Academy students have received over 1500 aspire points this week. The top 3 character virtues and learner skills demonstrated this week are being **responsible**, being **organised** and **communicating clearly**. They have demonstrated a great deal of responsibility in organising their work to support their learning. Well done!



Communicate clearly	381
Responsible	345
Be organised	209
Self-quiz	199
Creative	135
Respectful	111
Resilient	105
Be collaborative	99
Become unstuck	90
Compassionate	74
Give and receive feedback	62
Courageous	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>1853</b>

## Aspire Points: Top 10 Students

Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10	
Alfie Loverock	17	Tegan Hopps	13	James Oxley	14	Braydon Briggs	10
Harry Ridgway	17	Brandon Collins	11	Chloe Lewis	12	Katie Dutton	9
Ryan Bates	16	Abigail Nutting	10	Bethany Robins	12	Olivia Hayward	9
Grace Elson	15	Sophie Pearson	10	Thomas Pearson	11	Jessica Hulse	9
Jayden Kane	15	Kayla Brown	9	Lewis Haste	10	Shaian Cele	8
Joshua Palmer	15	Michelle Memela	9	Katie-Mae Rawlins	10	Paige Edwards	8
Lily Heeley	14	Callum Standing	8	Iadenn Turner-Marc	10	Millie Keenan	8
Lily-Rose Challinor	13	Chloe Heminsley	7	Autumn Williams	10	Roxylee Orme	8
Ava Skelton	12	Samuel Kayode	7	Lola-Louise Brown	9	Evie Harris	7
Poppy Wootton	12	Harvey Leek	7	Georgia Dolman	9	Mj Langston	7