



Great Wyrley Academy

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WELCOME TO OUR MARCH NEWSLETTER 2022



Thank you to all who have collected crisp packets over the past 3 years.

Using the Terracycle scheme we have been able to send over 30Kg of crisp packets to be recycled into products like benches and playground play equipment. The scheme will be closing in April due to the increase of recycling facilities at supermarkets for soft plastics such as bags, crisp packets and sweet wrappers.

Our final consignment will be sent at the end of this month so any last packets that you have collected need to be sent to school this week.

IMPORTANT DATES MARCH / APRIL 2022

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| Thursday 24 March | Love2Dance Showcase |
| Monday 28 March | Y11 Progress reports |
| Thursday 31 March | Y13 Health & Social Care work experience week |
| Thursday 07 April | Something Spectacular School Show |
| Friday 08 April | 13: the Musical School Show |
| | Y9 Meningitis/Tetanus/Polio Booster |
| | 13: the Musical School Show |

EASTER HOLIDAY: MONDAY 11—FRIDAY 22 APRIL 2022



This month our Kitchen have been awarded another 5 food hygiene rating.

Well done to all the Kitchen staff for their continuous hard work!

DON'T MISS OUT! ACTIVITY WEEK

Please can you ensure all forms for activity week have been handed in either to Reception or completed on ParentMail by Monday 21st March.

All activities are allocated on a first come first serve basis.



FRIDAY 18TH MARCH 2022

On Friday 18 March we will be having a non-uniform day. This is to support Comic Relief, but in light of the refugee crisis in the Ukraine we have extended this to support both causes.

Students are therefore invited to donate more than the usual £1.00 should they wish to wear non-uniform on this day. This can be a few extra pence, an extra £1.00 or whatever is deemed suitable. Clothing should be suitable and appropriate for decency and the weather. Those students who have PE on Friday will still need to bring their PE kit into school.

SHOWTIME



Tickets now on sale for Something Spectacular and 13: the Musical!

Get your tickets now via ParentMail

If you have already ordered tickets please collect them from reception



Thursday 07 & Friday 08 April 2022 7pm—£10

Bullying - Advice



What is considered to be bullying at GWA? Our School anti-bullying Policy uses the Acronym S.T.O.P.

Several Times On Purpose

"Bullying is any deliberate, hurtful, upsetting, frightening or threatening behaviour by an individual or group towards other people. It is repeated over a period of time and it is very difficult for victims to defend themselves."

If you want to report that you, or someone you know, are being bullied or just want some help or advice concerning bullying then please email:

ebullybox@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

As well as doing this, remember you can also speak to:

Your Head of Year
 The Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr Fielder
 The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Foyle, Mrs S Wilkinson, Mr McFarlane and Mrs McCarthy
 Any member of staff



"We all have the right to live in safety"

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr Fielder (e-mail: dfielder@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)

Deputy DSL: Mrs Foyle (e-mail: jfoyle@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)

Deputy DSL: Mrs Wilkinson (e-mail: swilkinson@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)

Deputy DSLs also available are Mr McFarlane (Head of Year 9 & 10) and Mrs McCarthy (Head of Year 11)

NSPCC

New Dedicated NSPCC helpline 0800 136 663

This new helpline has been created to provide both children and adults who are potential victims of sexual abuse in schools with the appropriate support and advice. This included how to contact the police and report crimes if they wish. This helpline will also provide support to parents.

Useful help and advice for parents, regarding all safeguarding areas, including children's mental health and online safety can be found at:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

Exam Certificates from 2021 can now be collected by students from Reception. Anyone wishing to collect on behalf of someone must bring an authorisation letter and a form of ID.

ASPIRE SIXTH



Y13 have their next set of formal mock examinations week beginning 21st March. During this week, students will be on study leave and will only be expected to attend lessons as directed by subject staff. All students have had their exam timetable for the week and they need to check with subject teachers about what lessons they are needed in for that week.

While I appreciate that students may be starting to complete coursework in certain subjects, may I please remind students that attendance to all lessons is compulsory up until we break up for May half term. No lessons have stopped and no students have been told that they no longer need to attend lessons.

A new enrichment timetable has been set up for Wednesday afternoons. Attendance to these sessions is expected - they take place at Cheslyn Hay every Wednesday afternoon. A timetable has been published on their form Google Classroom so that students know what topic is being covered each week. This is a great programme of activities and will help prepare students for life after sixth form. Attendance to these sessions will be monitored as it is expected that students engage in all aspects of sixth form life.

For those Year 13 students who have applied for University - student finance has now opened for applications. Some guidance and information has been posted on the Google Classroom but please check the UCAS website for help and advice.



March is the time of year when animals start waking up from hibernation.



Every parent has questions about their child's education - whether it's about apprenticeships, university, their options at 16 or 18, or how you can keep them happy and healthy.

The link below will give you access to the parents guide website where there is helpful school, education and careers advice and answers for any questions you may have regarding your young people and their futures.

[Parent questions | The Parents' Guide to](#)



Eco Club



The Eco-club are planting fruit trees in the school orchard to begin growing fruit for use in lessons. Any would like to donate small fruit trees, tree stakes and tree ties could they please leave a message at reception for Mr Stephenson or Mrs Holmes in the Science department.

We are also planning a Saturday morning tree planting session for later in the month to plant 90 saplings in the Forest School area. Details will be made available closer to the time but any families who are able to plant a couple of trees will be welcomed with tea, coffee biscuits and some campfire s'mores.



GROW YOUR OWN FOOD CLUB

With the arrival of Spring (and hopefully some sunshine) GWA has launched a new extracurricular activity called "Grow Your Own Food" club. Students have already started sowing seeds of crops like salads, sunflowers and tomatoes, and we have tasted our first crop of Rocket leaves which have a lovely peppery taste. The group meets at lunchtime every Wednesday in Q6.

The group will also be part of the 2022 Royal Horticultural Society campaign for school gardening.

<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/home>



Y11 & Y9 history students welcomed Freddy Naftel to speak to them about the Holocaust and his family's experiences living as persecuted Jews under the Nazi regime in occupied Europe.

The students were a credit to themselves and our school community in the respectful and interested manner in which they engaged with the experience. The history department were extremely proud of them.

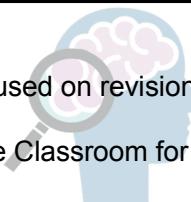
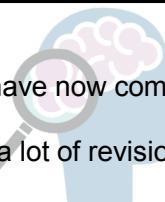
The history team could not teach about the evolution of democracy and the challenges it faces when confronted with the rise of aggressive dictators and ignore the events that have been unfolding in Ukraine. We were delighted with the response made by the school staff and students who filled a school minibus with donations to the White Eagle appeal. Mrs Broad Wood was very pleased to be able to drop off the donations which were received with great thanks by the appeal coordinators in Eccleshall. By now they will be providing warmth and comfort to their very grateful recipients fleeing into Poland from Ukraine.



Y13 PSYCHOLOGY

Students have now completed all taught content of the course. Lessons will now be focused on revision and exam techniques.

There are a lot of revision materials and sample exam questions on their subject Google Classroom for them to be working through.



GET INVOLVED**EXTRA CURRICULAR / AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

<u>Activity Type/Club</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Lunchtime Football	Mr Fielder	Monday-Friday	12.45-1.10	7, 8, 9 & 11 on rotation	
KS3 Basketball	Mr Smith	Monday	8.00-9.00	7-9	
History Club	Mrs Cornwall	Monday	12.50-1.10	7-8	
English Ambassadors	Mrs Wright	Monday	12.50-1.05	7-10	
Y7 Drama Club	Miss Slade	Monday	3.00-4.00	7	
Netball	PE Department	Monday	3.00-4.00	ALL	
Amnesty International Youth Group	Mrs Gould	Monday	3.00-4.00	ALL	
Reading Recovery Session 7	Mrs Wright	Monday	3.00-3.30	7	
Viva Voce	Mr Smith	Tuesday	8.00-9.00	ALL	
Chess Club	Mr Till	Tuesday	12.45-1.10		
Child Development catch up & wellbeing	Dr Ireson	Tuesday	12.45-1.10	Bring your lunch	
Sixth form wellbeing	Mrs Newman	Tuesday	12.45-1.10	12, 13	
Girls Football Club	Mrs Fielder	Tuesday	3.00-4.00	ALL	
Soul band	Mr Smith	Tuesday	3.00-4.30	Invite only	
Arts award	Mrs Down	Tuesday	3.00-4.00	ALL	
Reading Recovery Session 7	Mrs Wright	Tuesday	3.00-3.30	7	
Memrise club	Mr Toulson	Wednesday	12.45-1.10	7-9	
ASPIRE Ambassadors	Mrs Cornwall	Wednesday	12.45-1.10	7-10	
Grow your own food	Mr Frost	Wednesday	12.45-1.10	7-10	
Child development catch up and well being	Dr Ireson	Wednesday	12.45-1.10	10 & 11	
School show	Miss Slade, Miss Wood & Mr	Wednesday & Thursday	3.00-5.00	ALL	Schedule in Theatre foyer
Boys Football	Mrs McCarthy	Wednesday	3.10-4.00	7 & 8	
Craft and chat	Mrs Sanford & Mr Wheeler	Wednesday	3.10-4.00	Invited 7s	
Science club	Mrs Poole	Wednesday	3.10-4.10	7-8	
Table Tennis	Mr Smith	Thursday	8.00-9.00	ALL	
Games design	Mr Pattinson	Thursday	12.45-1.10	7-11	
Toots n' the Rootz	Mrs Broad Wood	Thursday	12.45-1.10	7 & 8	
Advanced singers	Mr Smith	Thursday	3.00-4.00	10-13	
Dance Club	Miss Wood	Thursday	3.05-4.15	9-11	
STEM Lego-Robot Club	Mr Brown	Thursday	3.00-4.30	7-8	
Football	Mr Smith	Friday	8.00-9.00	7-9	
Football	Mr Fielder	Friday	3.15-4.15	9-11	No boots



GWAWARDS



GWAMMYS

- Y7 – Alfie Ford and Freya Lane
- Y8 – Eve Sutcliffe and Ellie Shotton
- Y9 – Taylor Whittle and Abigail Follows
- Y10 - Kyle Betts and Sophie Cook
- Y11—Lucas Ewen



GWOSCARS

- Y7 – Paige Mills and Libby Forrester
- Y8 – Tom Wood and Georgia Despotaki
- Y9 – Kenzie Hughes and Isabella Maullin
- Y10 – Scarlett Bucknor and Blaze Hayward



Rehearsals for 13 are well underway!

Heres a sneak peek..



Students had fun recreating characters from the book 'Worst Class in the World' in a Still Image with Miss Slade for World Book Day

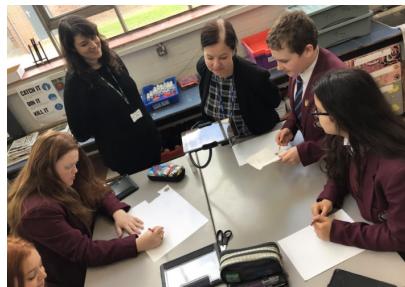
Music

This month has seen students complete their KAT assessments and move onto new topics. Year 7 have begun developing their singing skills, Year 8 have moved onto learning the notation behind pop songs like 'Havana' by Camilla Cabello and 'Bad Guy' by Billie Eilish and Year 9 have started to look at creating a pop song in a 4/4 time signature. Year 10 GCSE music students are continuing to develop their solo performances and compositions whereas year 11 students are finishing their final composition and solo performances, these are sounding fantastic and should earn high grades towards their

Let Girls Play Football event (Wednesday 9th March).



The Year 7 girls took part in a national football event called 'Let Girls Play' on Wednesday 9th March. The aim was to create the biggest ever football session across the country. The Year 7 girls showed great enthusiasm and participated in a range of different football activities and games, that were fantastically led by the Year 9 Football Activators. It was brilliant to see so many girls playing and engaging in football. Here are some snapshots of the afternoon. Thanks Mrs Fielder.



We have had the amazing opportunity of starting an animation project this week with the animator Sophie Burrows. She worked with our Y8 students to teach them all about Stop Motion animation.

This is the start of an animation project which will be showcased, alongside other schools in the trust, at a cinema screen debut. Watch this space as amazing work is created by our fantastic Y8 students.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Y10 have just completed learning about postnatal provision available for the baby, mother and family. They are exploring revision techniques in preparation for their end of unit exam.

Revision materials are available on their subject Google Classroom.



ASPIRE POINTS

Top 10 performing students

WINNER Katie Dutton 9X – 68

- Lexi Jarvis 9Z – 48
- Conor Follett 8X – 45
- Teah Jones 9Y – 42
- Grace Wiggin 8X – 42
- Kacey Barnard 7Y – 41
- Jessica Green 9Y – 40
- Lauren Ebbans 9Y – 39
- Freddie Wray 8X – 39

ASPIRE POINT TOTALS –

WINNERS Year 9 – 2252

- Year 8 – 1871
- Year 7 – 1708
- Year 10 – 1631
- Year 11 – 1146
- Year 12 – 209
- Year 13 – 57

Top 5 tutor groups

WINNERS 9X – 673

- 9Z – 652
- 8Y – 496
- 8X – 486
- 7Y – 474



ASPIRE

We encourage every student at Great Wyrley Academy and ASPIRE Sixth to ASPIRE in their learning and in their lives. We advocate that there are six character virtues and six learning skills which are crucial to the unlocking of both personal and academic potential. It is these virtues and skills which will equip all students with the personal and academic attributes required to become happy, safe and successful citizens.

ASPIRE has evolved!

More specific character virtues and learner skills, chosen in light of recent research and our own experiences throughout lockdown



Character Virtue	Definition
Respectful	To treat someone or something in a way that shows it is valued.
Responsible	To act knowing that our choices will lead to certain outcomes.
Resilient	To try, even when something is challenging.
Creative	To think of different ideas and perspectives.
Compassionate	To show care and kindness to others.
Courageous	To be brave and aim high.

Students are regularly rewarded when they mentioned positively on class charts.

We want every learner to believe that they can be all and more than they ever thought they could be, and to know what their future self looks like. Research tells us that people who have clear aspirations, and who know what they need to do in the present, are eight times more likely to achieve those aspirations. ‘Aim for the moon, because if you miss you’ll land among the stars.’