



# Great Wyrley Academy

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## WELCOME TO OUR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as Headteacher at the end of a very long and exciting Autumn Term, as you read through our newsletter I am sure you will agree with me that there have been some fantastic things going on in specific subject areas, through enrichment and extracurricular activities and we finish the year with a fabulous Christmas Concert which will be held on Thursday 16th December.

Students have responded well to the changes at the beginning of the academic year and the majority of students have reacted positively to our call for action in ensuring the highest of standards are met at Great Wyrley Academy and we will continue to have the highest of expectations in all aspects of school life, both on-site and in the local community, something which is a particular focus for us currently.

I have written an end of term letter which I will send to all parents this week with further details of our continued high expectations in the New Year and the return to school information. For now I would like to thank the staff for all of their hard work and dedication this term and to the students for a strong start to the academic year and to say a farewell to Mrs Wright, Dr Debney and Miss Edwards who are leaving us this term.

From all of us here at Great Wyrley Academy we wish all of our parents, carers and students a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Mrs Kelly Moore**  
Headteacher



Well Done to Isabella Maullin Y10 and family who helped to raise £200 by holding a stall at Landywood Primary School to raise funds for the Glebe Centre in Walsall to help pay for some users Christmas dinners this year. They were incredibly pleased to receive this donation.



Friday 16 Dec	Last day of term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Monday 19 Dec —Monday 02 Jan 2023	
Tuesday 03 Jan	Y13 Mock Examinations
Wed 11 Jan	Y7 Parents Evening
Friday 13 Jan	Y13 Mock Examinations End
Thursday 26 Jan	Y11 Parents Evening



Our Pre-Loved Uniform shop is now well stocked with items available at low cost including PE items. Thankyou to everyone who has gifted to the shop so far.



For more information please contact:

[uniform@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:uniform@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)

## 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](mailto: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:

Mr Studholme, Mr McFarlane, Mrs McCarthy,

Mrs Herrington

Any member of staff

Keeping  
children safe  
is everyone's  
responsibility



**"We all have the right to live in safety"**

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

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# 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 on-line safety can be found at:

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

## Music -

Students have now started work on new topics this term.

Year 7 are learning all about musical elements and how these can be used in making music.

Year 8 have completed their African drumming and Samba performances and are now learning about how to create Indian music.

Year 9 students are producing their own music to play beneath a silent film clip of their choice.

Year 10 & 11 are working hard to create compositions at various stages.

Year 11 are completing their free composition and beginning to work on their composition to a brief.

Year 10 students are beginning the process of composition alongside recording their solo performances.

The department also had the Christmas Showcase Thursday 15 December 2022 at 7pm and a group of young Arts

Ambassadors took part in a vocal workshop on Wednesday 16 November.



The longest place name in the world is 85 letters long.

Taumatawhakatangi-hangakoauauotamatea-turipukakapikimaunga-horonukupokaiwhenua-ukitatanatahu is in New Zealand and is 85 letters long.

# GWA AWARDS

## MUSIC & DRAMA

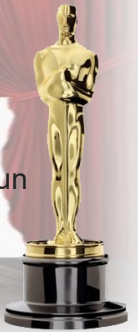


### GWAMMYS

Year 7 - Eloane Boyi and Alfie Loverock  
 Year 8 - Louisa Dudley-Mowe and Ocean Stanton  
 Year 9 - Maddison Procter and Brody Lane  
 Year 10 - Tamzin Booth and Isabella Maulin  
 Year 11 - Kyle Betts and Skye Grosvenor

### GWOSCARS

Y7- Thomas Kendrick & Joshua Palmer  
 Y8- Tyler Sheldon & Champion Toyin-Balogun  
 Y9- Christian Parker & Katie Copeland  
 Y10- Lexi Jarvis & Marley Dowding-Morton  
 Y11- Paris Kumar & Jessica Taylor



## DANCE

**DANCE CLUB every TUESDAY 3-4.15pm in the studio! All years welcome!**

**BTEC DANCE Y10** We are creating our own music video. We are framing it around Rhythm Nation - Janet Jackson but adapting it for our very own Great Wyrley Nation. Pupils will be part of the whole process from choosing locations for scenes, designing the costumes and starring in it as dancers.

**BTEC DANCE Y11** We are learning all about how to create and put together our own pieces of dance choreography. Learning how to effectively communicate a theme to the audience and collaborating in groups to create their own dance pieces.

**Year 7 Boys-** Y7 boys are doing dance in PE. We are looking at breakdance, so far we have learned a top rock, battle rock and 6-step.

**Year 8 Boys-** Y8 boys are expanding their dance knowledge by applying choreographic devices such as mirror image, formations and levels to their dance motifs. All while building on their dance skills like musicality, alignment, strength and rhythm.



### Dance Stars of the Month

Year 7 Ava Skelton  
 Year 8 Callum Standing  
 Year 9 Akyla Lee-Clarke  
 Year 10 Katie Dutton  
 Year 11 Louisa Pearsall

### DRAMA:

This term in Drama, Y7 students are doing scripted drama, Y8 and Y9 students are learning about devising and GCSE students are learning key knowledge for their Component 1 exam. All students have been building on skills such as public speaking, problem solving, teamwork and confidence.



## THE GREAT WYRLEY GALLERY

### Art Design and Technology

We held our first annual exhibition of Year 11 work on Wednesday 2nd November. It was a brilliant evening to meet with old students and their families to celebrate all the hard work they completed over the two year GCSE course. Thank you for everyone who attended, and an especially big thank you to the art club gallery curators who helped to put the show together; Grace Lloyd Y7, Leisal Collett Y9, Madeline Stanton Y10, Shelby McDonald Y11 and Madison Williams Y11.



### Geography

As our world leaders gather in Sharm-el-Sheikh in Egypt for the COP27 summit and at a time where Year 10 are focusing their studies on Climate Change I wanted to share information about a former Great Wyrley Geography student.

Gina Moseley has been leading groundbreaking research projects into deep caves in areas of the Arctic like in North Greenland. Her research is unprecedented as nobody has done this before. As a result the watchmaker Rolex awarded Gina in 2021 and is supporting her research project. At a time when we all need to think about sustainability and our own carbon footprints I think Gina can serve as an ambassador for what a student from Great Wyrley can go on to achieve. Please watch the clip below to find out more.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8xTUy0U8MnA>

### FOOTBALL

The Year 7/ 8 girls football team took part in their first football competition. They competed in a 5 aside futsal tournament against 4 other schools. The girls competed in every game and showed good resilience. It was an excellent experience for them to test themselves against other schools.

Well done Hollie, Grace, Brooke, Freya, N'Kyah, Isobella, Lily, Lexi, Mia and Eden



On 17th November, two of our Y10 Student leadership team attended the Sustainable Education Summit in Birmingham. This event was supported by The School of Tomorrow and The Edge Foundation and had an overarching aim to bring together school leaders and students to collaboratively discuss and visualise the role of schools in the future.

During the day our ambassadors had opportunities to work with students and leaders from schools from all over the country and made links with international schools also, learning and listening to examples of how sustainability initiatives are being delivered with real impact.

The work undertaken and discussions were hinged upon how we can further develop our GWA sustainability action plan and how our school community can play its part in securing a more sustainable and just future for all.

Planning for the future. Sustainable education. Personal Potential. Leading from the heart. Character education. ASPIRE

**CAREERS & GREEN FUTURES****GREEN CAREERS WEEK**

Students discovered careers, jobs, roles, and career pathways that are focused on green careers and how they can keep developing green skills through Google Classroom information and resources.

A green career can be any job, role or occupation that contributes to preserving or restoring the environment and our planet. It can be any industry, not just those seen as 'green.' Green skills are abilities, attributes, values, attitudes, knowledge, and technical skills needed to adapt services, processes and procedures to support climate change.

Green careers are a fast-growing global employment sector that touches every company, employer, employee, and education establishment. Requiring everyone to work together to build a talent pipeline from school through to employment for the thousands and thousands of jobs and roles needed for the future. Green careers reach into every aspect of our lives and offer young people an exciting array of opportunities. There are green careers and green skills suitable for everyone.

Explore the link below and see how these companies and many more are raising awareness of green careers through activity resources, case studies, webinars, videos, events, and employment information. Challenge young people to find out more and continue to embed green careers awareness in and out of the classroom in the coming weeks and months.

<https://greencareersweek.com/organisations/>



Year 7 drama club enjoyed a cinema night where they watched their own performance of 'From Now On' in the Theatre. You can catch this performance on our social media!

School show rehearsals are going well! We will be advertising soon for back stage roles so watch this space!

**GWA Remembrance Day****11th November 2022**

On the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month we gathered as a school to commemorate and come together as a community in an act of collective remembrance.

The students and staff at Great Wyrley Academy stood in solemn and respectful silence to remember the great sacrifices made by our wider community in the fields of conflict at home and abroad since the first act of remembrance in the years immediately following the armistice at the end of the Great War.

We stood together for the full two minutes which began and ended with the poignancy of the Last Post and the Reveille played so beautifully across the silence by Mr Vaughan Smith.

On Sunday 13 November we attended our local memorial service where Mrs Moore laid a wreath on the schools behalf.

This year as every year Great Wyrley Academy remembers.





**BBC**  
**Children  
in Need**

**28th November 2022**

Students and staff had GREAT fun supporting the event.

We raised £374.00!!

Well done everyone for your efforts and support.



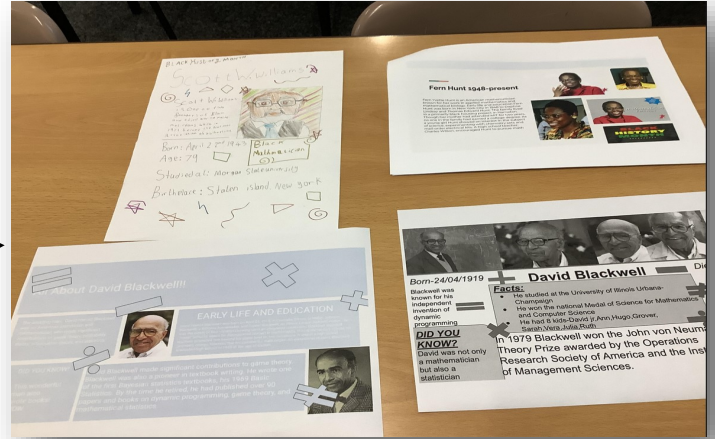
# MATHS

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

To celebrate Black History Month maths ran a competition. Students needed to create a poster about a black mathematician. Here are some of the entries

The winners were Ethan Hunt, Megan Carter and Lily Heeley.

Megan and Lily both created videos on their iPads!



## Maths Week 14th - 18th November

Maths Week was set up in 2019 with the goal of ensuring that no children miss out on the opportunities that being a confident competent mathematician can give them. In 2021 it became the largest national maths festival in the world. Students took part in a selection of activities including a 'The Connect World'

### Mathematician of the Month

Y7: Alfie Loverock for consistent hard work and being resilient.  
 Y8: Champion Toyin-Balogun for putting in 100% every single lesson.

Y9: Ethan Hunt for making every lesson count.  
 Y10: Ellie Lloyd for consistent hard work and effort.  
 Y11: Lillie Hickman for hard work during period 7 Intervention.

# Recognising Talent

WELL DONE TO LYDIA DUTTON - 7W

For coming 1st place in the West Midlands Schools Individual Trampolining Competition!

We are very proud of you Lydia! Well Done!



NOVICE Y7-8 FEMALE		J1	J2	J3	J4	J5	Diff	Bonus	Penalty	Sum	Total
1	LYDIA DUTTON GREAT WYRLEY ACADEMY										53.300
	1st routine	8.20	8.20	8.10	7.90	9.80	0.00	0.000	0.000	26.100	10
	2nd routine	8.30	8.10	7.70	7.90	9.70	1.50	0.000	0.000	27.200	10

# CHRISTMAS AT GREAT WYRLEY ACADEMY



**WE RAISED £114.00 FOR CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**



Students visited their local care home, Oak House, today to perform an hour of festive music. They performed Christmas carols, popular Christmas songs and there were also solo and duet performances from some of the students who performed in our Christmas Showcase on Thursday 15th December. Reports on social media platforms proved that we have some very talented students in our school. We are very proud.





# END OF TERM REWARD ASSEMBLIES

As a lovely end to the term, today (Friday 16 December) each year group held Reward Assemblies. This gave Heads of Years, Form Tutors and Attendance Team chance to recognise the individuals who have stood out to them this term and each of these students were issued with a certificate and small gift.

A very big well done, you are GREAT!

## YEAR 7



## YEAR 8



## YEAR 9



## YEAR 10



## YEAR 11



## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Activity	Leader	Days	Time	Year Groups
Soul band	Mr Smith	Tuesday	3 - 4.30pm	Invite only
Viva Voce	Mr Smith	Tuesday	8- 8.30	All
Year 7&8 football	Mrs McCarthy	Wednesday	3.15	
Girls Netball	Mrs McCarthy	Monday	3.15	
Girls Football	Mrs Fielder	Wednesday	3.15	
Year 9 & 10 football	Mr Fielder	Thursday	3.15	
Art Club	Mrs Down & Mrs	Tuesday	3:10-4:10	All
Gallery Curators	Mrs Down	Wednesday and Thursday	lunch time	All
Dance Club	Miss Wood	Tuesday	3-4.15pm	All
UKMT Challenge	Miss Wood	Tuesday	3:10-3:50	Year 7 and 8
Amnesty Club	Mrs Gould	Monday	03-Apr	all
Drama Club	Miss Slade & GCSE Students	Monday	3-4	Year 7
School Show	Miss Slade/ Miss Wood	Wednesday/ Thursday	Wed 3-5.30 Thursday 3-4.30	Students from all years who successfully auditioned last summer
Tennis club	Mrs BroadWood & Mr Toulson	Monday	Lunchtime	
Grow Your Own Food club	Mr Frost	Wednesday	Lunchtime	All
Debate club	Mr Frankham	Wednesday	3:10-3:50	
Gaming Club	Mr McFarlane & Mr Pattinson	Monday & Friday	Lunchtime	Invite only
Juggling	Mr Stephenson	Wednesday	3:10-3:40	Year 7
Social Activities Group	Mrs Smith	Wednesday	3:10- 4:00pm	Invite Only



## ASPIRE POINTS

### Top 10 performing students

**WINNER Elliott Lunt 7W 125**

Megan Asbury 8X	114
Katie Dutton 10X	109
Brandon Collins 8X	104
Freya Preston 7Z	104
Paige Mills 8X	102
Grace Lloyd 7W	101
Lola Evans 8X	97
Kyon Vaughan 8X	96

### ASPIRE POINT TOTAL

#### WINNERS

Year 7—	5599
Year 9—	3428
Year 8—	3064
Year 10—	2942
Year 11—	2434

### Top 5 tutor groups

#### WINNERS

7W	2314
7Z	2111
11X	1883
8X	1858
7Y	1832

# 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

These are the 6 'I am' virtues. These are personal qualities that we would like you to develop so you are successful in your future lives.



These are the 6 'I can' learner skills. These are skills that you will use, develop and master each lesson to help you to help you self-regulate your own learning.

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.'

Learner skill	Definition
Be organised	Organise and effectively manage learning independently (self regulating)
Become unstuck	Know what to do when they don't know what to do',
Self-quizz	Competent at self quizzing techniques from KO and self quiz it daily
Give and receive feedback	Receive, understand and act upon feedback Give accurate feedback to themselves and peers
Be collaborative	Work effectively with a learning partner and within a team
Communicate clearly	<p><b>Get students to SHAPE their verbal answers</b></p> <p><b>Sentences - no single word answers</b></p> <p><b>Hand away from mouth - be confident</b></p> <p><b>Articulate - don't mumble</b></p> <p><b>Project - a loud, clear voice</b></p> <p><b>Eye contact - this is important!</b></p> 