

GREAT WYRLEY ACADEMY NEWS

WELCOME TO THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a charitable event conducted each year. People are asked to donate items that can be gifted for Christmas to some of the world's poorest children, and pack them into a shoebox.

Great Wyrley Academy will be taking part this year so if you have any unwanted shoeboxes please send them into school where Mrs Poole will collect and store them ready for packing with gifts. A request for donations of gift items will be sent out in the future, with a list of suggested gifts; and those that are not permitted. Until then I shall be very grateful for any shoeboxes that you can donate.

Thank you – Mrs Poole.

Notice Board

Parental Contribution

At the start of the academic year a letter was sent out to parents regarding the voluntary Parental Contributions (previously known as School Fund). Many of the things we do for the students, comes at a cost which the school absorbs. In order to continue with this, we are asking for a voluntary termly contribution of £10 (payable termly or as a one off £30)

Many thanks to the parents who have made a voluntary Parental Contribution, it is very much appreciated. If you wish to make a voluntary contribution, payments can be made at the school reception office (cheques made payable to Great Wyrley Academy) alternatively, payment can be made online through your child's Scopay account.

Thank you for your continued support.

Spring Term Important Dates

HALF TERM: Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2020	
24 February 2020	Food Practical Exams
25 February 2020	Food Practical Exams
26 February 2020	Food Practical Exams
27 February 2020	Year 9 Parents' Evening
2 March 2020	Year 8 Examinations
11 March 2020	Year 9 Options Evening
30 March 2020	Year 13 H&Sc Work Experience week
31 March 2020	Year 10 & 12 Progress Reports to parents
2 April 2020	Year 7, 8 & 9 Progress Reports to parents
END OF TERM	
Easter break: Monday 6th – Friday 17th April 2020	



Sixth Form Updates

Year 13

We would like to say a big thank you to our Year 13 students for their hard work and effort in their mock exams. I hope the students found this process useful and helped to focus them in preparation for the summer exam period. Students should have had their results and feedback from staff. Students should now be completing self-reflection on their performance and setting themselves clear targets for the coming weeks. Year 13 form tutors will be conducting one-to-one mentoring sessions with students as we approach the crucial time in their A-Level studies.

Year 12

Year 12 should now be fully settled into their studies and the sixth form way of life. I am very proud of the effort the majority of students are putting into their studies and the way the students conduct themselves around the school site. Students are completing a range of enrichment activities around school including Reading Challenge with the younger students and helping with the refurbishment of the Library. It is great to see the students contributing meaningfully to the whole school. We also had a very successful trip to Birmingham in the run up to Christmas.

On Tuesday 4 February, Year 12 visited Liverpool University and City Centre. This gave students an introduction to University life and also gave them the chance to explore the exciting city. It was a very successful trip!

Remember, students are expected to be onsite at all times throughout the school day. Whilst they are allowed to go off site to go to the shop, they are not to go home. Medical appointments should be made outside of school hours wherever possible and written evidence provided if a student needs to miss any lessons. Driving lessons and shifts at work should also not be made during school hours. While I appreciate that the weather has turned colder, we still have a clear dress code and all students are expected to be in office style clothing with a suit jacket worn at all times. Hoodies, trainers and jeans are not permitted.

Finally, a big thank you to all Year 11 students who have applied for a place at ASPIRE Sixth Form. Interviews have taken place, however the application process is still open so if anyone else would like to apply or has a query about sixth form, please follow the links on the Great Wyrley Academy website to ASPIRE Sixth or email - snewman@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Eco Corner

Welcome back to our Eco Corner!

Students from St Thomas More Primary School recently joined our Eco Buddies for a litter pick around the school grounds. They learnt about some of our recycling initiatives and the materials we can recycle. A huge amount of litter was collected and sorted from around the site. The students were also learning about working and helping in our local community – thank you so much for your help!

We are also very pleased to inform you that our Eco School has been awarded an Enviro Grant from Veolia. Representatives from the Eco School attended the award ceremony at Stafford County Buildings. Our students gave a small acceptance speech and talked about the work that would be carried out with the money. They spoke eloquently and confidently and they were the only students to deliver the acceptance speech! We will use the money to continue our recycling efforts and to improve the biodiversity on our site. We are planning for a wildflower meadow and further bird boxes and bug hotels to go in our forest school area. We will keep you updated



Safety of our Students

Child Criminal Exploitation

There has been a lot of items in the media and storylines on soaps regarding Child Criminal Exploitation and as such we wanted to make parents aware of what this means and how it can affect your children.

Criminal Exploitation often occurs without the child's immediate recognition, with the child believing that they are in control of the situation. In all cases, those exploiting the child have power over them by virtue of age, gender, intellect, physical strength and/or economic resources.



Violence, coercion and intimidation are common in these relationships and are how they get the children to do things they normally would be nowhere near.

The link below is a good guide showing things to look out for as a parent and the types of behaviours that may be seen in these relationships. If you require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact one of the school's safeguarding team.

https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/sites/default/files/children_at_risk.pdf

Child Exploitation



A Guide for Parents / Carers

Inspire Dance Company

Inspire Dance Performance

BTEC Dance, Lunch club and Inspire Dance Company made their debut performance at Love to Dance at the Forest Arts Centre. They were all amazing and did both Miss Hammond and Great Wyrley Academy extremely proud. Huge well done to all the dancers that took part and to Mrs McLaughlin for organising.

INSPIRE DANCE COMPANY



LEARN TO DANCE

PERFORM ON STAGE

TAUGHT BY INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

HAVE FUN!

WHEN
FRIDAYS 3.30-5.00PM
(starting 17/01)

WHERE
GREAT WYRLEY ACADEMY THEATRE,
Hall Lane, WS6 6LQ

FREE

OPEN TO ALL LOCAL VAT SECONDARY SCHOOLS. PLEASE COME IN CLOTHES SUITABLE FOR DANCE (LEGGINGS, JOGGERS OR SHORTS, T-SHIRT AND TRAINERS).

TO SIGN UP PLEASE EMAIL YOUR CHILDS NAME, YEAR AND SCHOOL TO:
KHAMOND@GREATWYRLEYWINDSORACADEMYTRUST.ORG.UK

