



# WOOD GREEN ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student,

Welcome back.

The external examination season is well under way and all the pupils who have sat their exams have been exemplary. We wish all our students sitting external exams the best of luck for their remaining examinations.

### Governing Body

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor on our governing body. If you are interested in this extremely important role or require more details please contact Mrs Susan Dawes (Clerk to the Governors) on 0121 556 4131 or via email at [susan.dawes@woodgreenacademy.co.uk](mailto:susan.dawes@woodgreenacademy.co.uk) by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

### Smile for Joel Charity Event - Friday 7th July

As all of you are aware, two years ago Joel Richards, one of our former students, was tragically killed in the terrorist attack on 26th June. As part of our support for Joel's family, we will be holding a charity event to raise money for the Smile for Joel charity. This day will be a non-uniform day, where students are able to wear sportswear instead of school uniform and students will be asked to donate £1 to the charity. There will also be a cake sale and an opportunity to take part in a variety of games. Students (and parents) are able to order the new Smile for Joel T-Shirts. The cost of these are £8 (for adults) and £6 (for children). The order form is included in this newsletter. Completed order forms and monies need to be brought to reception by Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in order to ensure T-Shirts are ready for the day.

### Run 4 Joel – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Run 4 Joel will return to Sandwell Valley on 10<sup>th</sup> September bigger and better than last year. The inaugural Run for Joel in September held last year was supported by thousands of people and raised £27,000. The event at Sandwell Valley Country Park was held in memory of our former student Joel Richards, his uncle Adrian Evans and Grandfather Patrick Evans.

It would once again be great to see a large number of Wood Green students and their families taking part.

More details can be found here: <https://www.stuweb.co.uk/event/2850>

Registrations are open now!

### Wednesday Afternoons for KS4

Just a reminder that Wednesday afternoon (1.20pm – 3.00pm) is a private study afternoon for students in KS4 and KS5 and part of the school day. All students must be at home using the time wisely. If students are behind with work, need extra sessions to help them, have 5 or more lates or have not been using the time to do school work, they will be expected to stay in school until 3pm. Medical appointments should therefore not be made for Wednesday afternoons.

This opportunity will be extended to our current Year 8 from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017. A further letter confirming this will be sent out in due course.



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### **Year Trips – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

Letters will go out to students regarding end of year trips shortly. Year 7 and year 8 will have the opportunity to go to Drayton Manor and years 9, 10 and 12 will have the opportunity to go to Alton Towers. Cost of the trips will be approximately between £28 - £30, which will cover both transport and the ticket into the theme park. This money will be non-refundable once paid because tickets will be bought in advance of the trip.

### **School Rules and Behaviour**

One of the reasons, aside from excellent teaching, that ensures we get excellent outcomes for our students, is the high expectations that we have at Wood Green in terms of student behaviour. Can I thank parents/carers for supporting us with this. For clarity, students in years 7 – 11 should not bring mobile phones onto the school site. If students are found to be in possession of a mobile phone it will be confiscated and placed in the school safe. Mobile phones confiscated on a Monday or Tuesday will be held in the school safe until the end of the school week where they can only be collected by parents/carers between 3.00-3.30pm (in the event of school finishing at 12.20pm, phones due to be collected, can be picked up between 12.20 and 12.50pm.). Phones confiscated on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday will be confiscated until the end of the following school week where they can only be collected by parents/carers between 3.00-3.30pm. If, however, the return of the mobile phone falls in a school holiday, the phone can be collected on the first day back to school by parents/carers, between 4 - 4.30pm with the exception of the summer holiday, in which case the phone can be collected by parents/carers on the first Friday of the holidays between 3-3.30pm. So if a phone is confiscated on Wed 19<sup>th</sup> July, Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> July, Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July or Mon 24<sup>th</sup> July it will not be returned until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July (between 3 – 3.30pm) as per our policy.

### **Student Achievements**

The Brilliant Club is an award winning charity that exists to widen access to highly-selective universities for pupils from under-represented groups. The way that this is done is by recruiting, training and placing doctoral and postdoctoral researchers in non-selective state schools across the country. PhD tutors then deliver programmes of university-style tutorials to small groups of pupils, from Year 9 through to Year 12, which develop the knowledge, skills and ambition that help those pupils to secure places at highly-selective universities. Twelve of our students in years 9 and 10 have completed this programme and were able to attend a graduating ceremony at Nottingham University last half term. The students completed a research project entitled “Do you know the brain oscillates in a rhythm like music?” with their tutor from Warwick University. Their work was highly commended with four of our students gaining a distinction. Well done to the following students:

Pass with distinction: Megan Perkins (Einstein), Dhruv Gajjar (Einstein), Abigayle Price (Nightingale) and Navjot Sanghera (Einstein)

Pass (2:1): Daniel Rogers (Da Vinci), Faisal Hussain (Einstein), Muhammed Butt (Einstein), Fakhira Ahmad (Ali), Benjamin Miller (Ali), Callum Bevan (Ali), Ben Sharp (Einstein) and Alishba Mehmood (Einstein)

### **Upcoming Sporting Fixtures and Events**

- U13 & U15 Girls through to the Level 3 BCSG Handball Finals on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June at Aldersley Leisure Village
- U13 Girls Cricket competition at West Brom Dartmouth Cricket Club on Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> June
- KS3 Level 3 BCSG Gymnastic Finals – June 15<sup>th</sup> at Walsall Campus, Wolv Univ – Savanna Melbourne (Da Vinci), Millie Oliver (Nightingale), Olivia Carswell (Da Vinci), Simone Ali (Parks)
- Athletics League competitions for all ages – Y7 June 20<sup>th</sup>, Y8 June 27<sup>th</sup>, Y9 July 4<sup>th</sup> – all held at Tipton Sports Academy
- National School Sports Week – 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June – House Competitions held throughout the week during PE lessons and extra-curricular time
- Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition’s – we have had a wonderful year with 100 Y9 and Y10 students signing up. The expeditions are being staggered across 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July and will be taking place around Bewdley with the final expeditions taking place in September 2017.

## Upcoming Events – KEY DATES

Mon 12 June to Fri 30 June	Y10 Internal Exams
Thurs 15 June	Y7 Progress Evening 4.30 – 6.30 pm
Mon 19 June to Fri 30 June	Y12 Internal Exams
<b>Wed 28 June</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT DAY: SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS</b>
Thurs 29 June	Sports College Presentation Evening
Fri 30 June and Tues 4 July	Y12 Induction
Wed 5 July and Thurs 6 July	Y6 Induction
Fri 7 July	Smile for Joel Charity Day (Non-Uniform – Sportswear)
<b>Mon 10 July</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT DAY: SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS</b>
Mon 10 July	New Intake Evening 6.30 – 8.15pm
Thurs 13 July	SHAPE DAY 6
Thurs 13 July	Y11 Prom 7.30 – 11.00pm
Fri 14 July	SPORTS DAY
Tues 18 July	Thinking Skills Day
Wed 19 July and Thurs 20 July	Activities Day
Fri 21 July	<b>Non Uniform Day: PLEASE NOTE: School closes at 12.20pm</b>
Mon 24 July	Year Trips
Mon 24 July	<b>End of Term</b>
Thurs 17 Aug	AS/A2 Exam Results 9.00 – 11.00am
Thurs 24 Aug	GCSE Exam Results 9.00 – 11.00am
<b>Mon 4 Sept</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT DAY: SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS</b>
Tues 5 Sept	Term starts for all students at 8.45am
Mon 18 Sept to Fri 22 Sept	– Y11 Population 1 Work Experience
Wed 20 Sept	Sports College Presentation Evening
Thurs 21 Sept	Y7 Parent Information Evening 6.30-7.30pm
Mon 25 Sept to Fri 29 Sept	– Y11 Population 2 Work Experience
Wed 27 Sept	Y6 Open Evening 5.00 – 8.00pm
<b>Fri 29 Sept</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT DAY: SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS</b>
Tues 3 Oct	Sporting Aptitude Testing 5.15 – 9.00pm
Thurs 5 Oct	SHAPE DAY 1
Wed 11 Oct	Year 12 Open Evening 6.00 – 8.00pm
Thurs 12 Oct	Sporting Aptitude Testing 5.15 – 7.00pm
Wed 18 Oct	Parent/ Pupil Partnership Day 9.00am – 6.00 pm
<b>Mon 23 Oct – Friday 27 Oct</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Mon 30 Oct	School reopens

Many thanks again for all your support



J.Topham

Headteacher

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## REPLY SLIP - Wood Green Academy – June 2017 Newsletter

Name of Student:.....

Form:.....

Parent name:.....

Email address:.....

I have received the June 2017 Newsletter regarding School Update/Events and Mobile Phone policy.

Signed:..... (Parent/Carer)

Date:.....