



# WOOD GREEN ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back and I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students, parents and carers to the Wood Green Academy family.

Once again our A Level and GCSE results highlighted the fantastic progress that students make at Wood Green Academy. The GCSE results reflected the hard work that the students, staff and parents put in throughout the year, where staff and students went above and beyond to prepare for these exams. As a result our students performed admirably with the much tougher and comprehensive GCSEs. The A Level results also highlighted the work ethic of the year group as a whole with the vast majority of students gaining a place at University. I would like to offer my congratulations to all our students that picked up their results this year.

I would also like to congratulate and thank everyone who has been involved in helping these young people achieve their success. Parents, carers, teachers, support staff, governors and friends have all helped in producing such excellent results.

We welcome the following new members of staff to Wood Green Academy: -

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| • Miss P Patel    | Teacher of Health & Social Care |
| • Mr M Raja       | Computing KS3 Manager           |
| • Mr T Anstey     | Computing KS5 Manager           |
| • Mr R Abdul      | Teacher of Computing            |
| • Mr A Hoque      | Science                         |
| • Ms J Luckman    | Teacher of Technology           |
| • Miss A Embleton | Teacher of MFL                  |
| • Mr C Taylor     | Teacher of Computing            |
| • Mr N Willett    | Teacher of Geography            |
| • Miss K Tolley   | LSA                             |
| • Miss M Collin   | LSA                             |
| • Mr A Matharu    | LSA                             |

Our three key priorities for this year are: -

- Creating "I can, I will" culture
  - o Character development and growth mindsets
  - o Retention of information and independence
  - o Meta cognition
- Embedding the skills required to tackle the new GCSE/A Level Qualifications particular at the higher grades and in particular students' attitudes to learning.
- Further explore formal partnerships with other schools to develop additional capacity



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## **REMINDER: Run 4 Joel – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

After 2 very successful years, Run 4 Joel will return to Sandwell Valley on 9<sup>th</sup> September and promises to once again be bigger and better than last year with a new colour blast theme. Over the last two years, the Run for Joel event held in September each year has been supported by thousands of people and has raised over £30,000. The event at Sandwell Valley Country Park is 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/events/2018/09/9/3198/>

Registrations are open now!

## **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 24<sup>th</sup> Oct, Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Oct or Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Oct it will not be returned until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November (between 4 – 4.30pm) as per our policy.**

This term our student focus will be on punctuality (to school and lessons), presentation of work and respecting our environment, and in particular, students disposing of litter appropriately. As part of this drive we will be issuing appropriate sanctions within our behaviour policy to all students that are caught dropping litter.

## **Black Country School Games**

At the end of last term we were crowned as winners of the Black Country School Games 2018. Congratulations to all pupils that took part and to all staff that helped to organise, run and coach our teams. Well done!!

## Key dates this half term

Sun 9 Sept	Run for Joel Event (Sandwell Valley)
Wed 19 Sep	Sports College Presentation Evening 6.30–9.00pm
Thurs 20 Sep	Year 12 PIE 6.30 - 8.00 pm
Mon 24 Sep – Fri 28 Sep	Yr11 Work Experience Pop1
Wed 26 Sep	Purple and Pink Day in remembrance of Sarah Athersmith
Thurs 27 Sep	Year 7 PIE 6.30 - 8.00 pm
Mon 1 Oct – Fri 5 Oct	Yr11 Work Experience Pop2
Wed 3 Oct	Year 6 Open Evening 5.30 – 7.30 pm
Thurs 4 Oct	Yr10 English/Work Experience PIE 6.30 – 8.00 pm
<b>Fri 5 Oct</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS</b>
Tue 9 Oct	Sporting Aptitude Testing 5.15 – 9.00 pm
Wed 10 Oct	Sixth Form Open Evening 6.30 – 8.00 pm
<b>Thurs 11 Oct</b>	<b>SHAPE DAY 1</b>
Thurs 11 Oct	Yr7 HP PIE 6.30 –8.00 pm
Tue 16 Oct	Digital Learning and Online Safety PIE 6.30 – 8.00 pm
<b>Mon 29 Oct – Fri 2 Nov</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Thurs 8 Nov	Deadline for Post 16 Applications
Thurs 15 Nov	KS4 Music Concert 3.30 – 5.00 pm
Fri 16 Nov	Children in Need Charity Day
<b>Thurs 22 Nov</b>	<b>SHAPE DAY 2</b>
Thurs 29 Nov	KS4 Celebration of Achievement 6.30 - 8.30 pm
Mon 10 Dec	KS3 Drama Showcase 5.30 pm
Thurs 13 Dec	Dance Showcase 6.30 – 8.00 pm
Mon 17 Dec	Christmas Concert 7 pm
<b>Tue 18 Dec</b>	<b>SHAPE DAY 3</b>
Thurs 20 Dec	KS5 Celebration of Achievement 6.30 - 8.30 pm
Fri 21 Dec	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM – Christmas Jumper Day</b> <b>School closes at 12.20pm</b>
<b>Mon 24 Dec – Fri 4 Jan</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>
<b>Mon 7 Jan 2019</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS</b>
Tues 8 Jan 2019	School Reopens for all pupils (8.45 am)
Mon 14 Jan – Fri 25 Jan	Internal Exams - Years 8
Mon 14 Jan – Fri 1 Feb	Internal Exams – Years 11 and 13

I look forward to continue to work in partnership with you over the coming years.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Topham

Headteacher