



# WOOD GREEN ACADEMY

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Dear parent/carer/student

## Parking and Road Safety

We would like to remind all parents/carers to please respect our neighbours by not parking or collecting your children from St. Paul's Rd, Sparrow Close, or the surrounding area. Please note that the LA have been contacted in order for traffic cameras to be in operation on St. Paul's Rd. It is essential that we avoid traffic congestion on St. Paul's Rd - traffic problems are a nuisance to our neighbours and pose a real health and safety risk to our children. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Year 7 and 8 pupils, Challenge Yourself!

Now you have settled into a new school year, the High Potential department would like you to get involved in the Challenge Yourself club.

### What is it?

The Challenge Yourself club is an opportunity for you to work independently or with friends on topics that really interest you. Getting involved will help you to build up a range of different key skills and improve your wider knowledge.

### How does it work?

Three different challenges will be set twice a half term. Challenges will appear on the display board outside of the High Potential office (you can find this in the Hughes block). Some challenges will take you longer than others; you can decide how many challenges you want to complete and if you would like to work by yourself or with other people. When you have completed a challenge, simply bring it to Miss Murray or Miss Bruton in the High Potential office. Those pupils who complete challenges will be recognised at our annual Celebration of Achievement evening.

### Where can I complete these challenges?

This is up to you! You can complete them at home or in school during the Challenge Yourself support session. This will be held on Monday during lunch in R108. You can use the computers and other resources available.

We are really looking forward to seeing how you **challenge yourself** this year!

## Revision

It is essential that students understand the benefits of revision from an early stage as being fully prepared for any examination is essential to success. Our current examination system has more content and expects students to apply their knowledge in unfamiliar contexts. In order to be able to do this they must have a strong understanding of the knowledge in the first place. With more content in the new GCSEs and A Levels there will be little time at the end of the course in order to formally revise everything that has been studied. Therefore it is important that students revise as they go along, making notes, testing themselves and practising their skills. This process can be started in any year group and students should not feel that they have to wait until Years 11 and 13 before they can start.

## Learning Hub News

- Book Without a Look:

Where we encourage students to 'not judge a book by its cover' and pick based on a précis written on blank packaging.



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- Reading Bingo:

If a student takes a bingo sheet, they will be entered into the reading bingo challenge. With this challenge, students need to complete the bingo sheet which features different categories and genres for students to read.

- Bookmarks:

If a student takes a bookmark, they will be entered into the book mark challenge. When a student reads a book and tells us a bit about it, they will receive a signature. If they receive nine signatures, they will be put on our rewards board and entered into the mystery prize draw.

- Creative Writing Competition:

Inspired by a picture or outline, students are invited to write a short story of no more than 500 words. Not only does this prepare them for their English Language GCSE paper, but it encourages creativity and imagination. The strongest entries will be entered into the prize draw.

- Starbucks in School:

To coincide with the launch of their winter campaign and to reward students for their attitude to learning, we will be welcoming Starbucks back into the Learning Hub on Wednesday, 14th November.

### **Mentoring**

The Mentors in Violence Prevention is a programme that is supported by the West Midlands Police that uses a bystander approach to help prevent bullying and gender based violence. It aims to: raise awareness, challenge attitudes, open dialogue and inspire leadership. The mentors were involved in 2 days of training and planning. They will then deliver 1 hour within each shape day to target different year groups and topics across the school. The year 13 students have already delivered their first session to year 8 students on CSE and Grooming and all form tutors and students were extremely complimentary.

The mentors are: Kirsten Oliver (Einstein), Morgan Turner Green (Parks), Grace Gilliland (Da Vinci) Caitlyn Dawes (Nightingale), Joshua Waite (Da Vinci), Melissa Blakemore (Einstein), Hollie Cowell (Ali), Sadique Duffield (Da Vinci), Taylor Watts (Ali), Ali Sidat (Einstein), Connor Appleyard (Einstein), Millie Oliver (Nightingale), Uwais Kasujee (Einstein), Harry Bird (Nightingale), Amelia Clynes (Ali), Mohammed Sidat (Ali), Ivan Della Cruz (Shakespeare), Savanna Melbourne (Da Vinci), Ammar Tarajia (Parks), Abdulafeez Quadri (Nightingale, Mia Lloyd (Nightingale), Zuhaa Zahid (Da Vinci), Jack Southall (Parks), Jessica Pittaway (Einstein), Nisha Ahmed (Shakespeare), Daniel Newey (Shakespeare), Minal Rasul (Da Vinci), Hodo Awale (Da Vinci), Ellis Jones (Ali), Leonie Green Brookes (Einstein), Safiya Johura (Da Vinci), Thomas Bosley (Nightingale), Ruby Blackwood (Shakespeare), Aaliyah Yasin (Shakespeare), Aaron Lail (Da Vinci), Tegan Trinder (Da Vinci), Syma Tasnim (Ali) and Jordan Ashfield (Ali)

### **Making a difference**

We currently have a vacancy for a parent Governor within the Governing Body. If you feel that you would like to make a difference and have a say in the strategic direction of the school, then please contact Mrs Susan Dawes (Clerk to the Governors) at [susan.dawes@woodgreenacademy.co.uk](mailto:susan.dawes@woodgreenacademy.co.uk) for more information. Closing date for expressions of interest is Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018.

### **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> Dec, Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Dec or Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Dec it will not be returned until Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018 (between 4 – 4.30pm) as per our policy.**

## **Student Successes**

### **Y7 Book Review**

Congratulations to our Year 7 winner of the Summer Book Review Competition, Aleena Waqas (Parks). She really impressed us with her review of Northern Lights by Phillip Pullman and won herself a £20 Nando's voucher and a book of her choice.

Congratulations also to our runners up: Freya Webb (Ali), Millie Webb (Da Vinci), Sophie Rushton (Shakespeare) and Asiya Hussian (Da Vinci), who also won a book of their choice.

### **Kick Boxing**

Congratulations to Jayden Harbinson (Da Vinci) who won the British Kickboxing last half term at the WFMC British Championships in West Bromwich. Well done!!

### **British Gymnastics**

Congratulations once again go to Jayden Paddock (Einstein) who came third in his first senior championship at the British Tumbling and Trampolining Championships held in Birmingham. He has now been selected to compete for GB in another Junior World Championships in Russia in November. We wish Jayden the very best of luck.

### **Netball**

The individuals listed below participated in the U16 Netball Tournament this evening and returned to school with Bronze medals.

There were 12 teams from across Sandwell involved in the tournament and the girls were unbeaten in the groups round. In the next round we unfortunately lost which meant we faced George Salter to battle it out for third place. At full time it was a draw resulting in extra time, the girls showed great determination and got 2 early goals in extra time and maintained the winning score line securing their third place. Well done!

Maya Bassi (Parks), Millie Oliver (Nightingale), Minal Rasul (Da Vinci), Grace Gilliland (Da Vinci), Amelia Clynes (Ali), Taylor Watts (Ali), Madison Ruston (Ali), Kunashe Chidziya (Shakespeare), K-Aunna Forrest (Shakespeare) and Ruby Blackwood (Shakespeare)

## Upcoming Events – KEY DATES

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
Mon 4 Feb	SEN Partnership Day
<b>Tue 5 Feb</b>	<b>SHAPE DAY 4</b>
Thurs 7 Feb	Year 8 Options Evening 6.30 – 8.00 pm
Thurs 14 Feb	Year 8 Progress Evening 4.30 - 6.30 pm
<b>Mon 18 Feb – Fri 22 Feb</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Wed 27 Feb	Yr11 GCSE PE Practical am
Thurs 28 Feb	Year 11 Progress Evening 4.30 - 6.30 pm
Mon 4 Mar	Yr11 GCSE Drama Performance
Tue 5 Mar	Deadline for Year 8 Option Forms
Thurs 7 Mar	Year 12/13 Progress Evening 4.30 - 6.30 pm
Fri 8 Mar	Comic Relief
Mon 11 Mar – Thurs 14 Mar	GCSE Art Exam
Mon 11 Mar – Fri 15 Mar	Year 8 Option Interviews
Mon 11 Mar – Fri 22 Mar	Internal Exams - Years 7 (9 and 10)
Mon 18 Mar – Fri 22 Mar	Yr 11 Core Challenge
Thurs 21 Mar	Yr6 Maths PIE 4.00 – 5.00 pm
Mon 25 Mar	Yr11 GCSE Drama Performance
Tue 26 Mar	Gym and Dance Show 7.00 – 9.00 pm
Thurs 28 Mar	Post 16 Event 4.00 – 5.30 pm
Mon 1 Apr	Performing Arts Showcase 7 pm
Thurs 4 Apr	Year 11/ 13 Revision PIE 6.30 - 8.00 pm
Mon 8 Apr – Fri 12 Apr	Yr11 GCSE French Speaking Exams
<b>Wed 10 Apr</b>	<b>SHAPE DAY 5</b>
Thurs 11 Apr	Year 7 Progress Evening 4.30 - 6.30 pm

Many thanks again for all your support



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