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Dear parent/carer/student

Firstly may I wish you all a Happy New Year and again many thanks for all your support last term.

We offer a warm welcome to Miss Scantlebury who has joined our MFL department this year, Mr Baker who has joined the Technology department and also to Mr Jeewa who has joined our SEN Department.

Last term we held our annual celebration of achievement events for KS4 and KS5 and I would like to congratulate all of the student ambassadors who helped organise and lead the events. They were fantastic! This year we were delighted to be joined by the Mayor of Sandwell, Cllr Joy Edis to our KS4 Celebration of Achievement Evening and I would like to formally thank her for supporting our event.

Parent Pay

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments for activities such as school trips through an online service provider called ParentPay. Some parents and carers may have experience of this service provider as it is used by some primary schools.

What are the benefits to parents, carers and students?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like.
- ParentPay assure us that the technology used is of the highest internet security available, ensuring that your money will reach school safely. We have third party assurance of this.
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card or cash payments at one of 33,000 PayPoint nominated shops and other locations. We will still accept cash payment at school.
- Full payment histories and statements are available to you securely online at anytime.
- Your child / children will not have to worry about losing money at school.
- Parents / Carers can choose to receive account alerts by email and (possibly) text if required.
- We will be working with Fresh, our catering service provider, to extend Parentpay services to include school meals.

What Next?

We will send you more information about ParentPay and account activation in the near future.

If you want to find out more about ParentPay go to:

<https://www.parentpay.com/parents/>

Student Ambassadors

Once again can I thank students and parents/carers for their generosity last half term where we raised the following amounts for charity:

- Children in Need: £984.57
- British Heart Foundation: £105.40
- Rwanda: £364.83

If students are planning to partake in an activity to raise money for a particular charity it is always advisable to check this with the school in the first instance to prevent any issues arising. Activities that violate the school rules would not be allowed. Please contact the relevant Year Leader if you have any queries regarding proposed fundraising activities.



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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 13th Feb, Thurs 14th Feb or Fri 15th Feb it will not be returned until Monday 25th Feb 2019 (between 4 – 4.30pm) as per our policy.**

Student Successes

Kick Boxing

Congratulations once again goes to Jayden Harbinson (Da Vinci) who has added the English Kickboxing title to his list of accomplishments. Even more impressive, Jayden brought home two silver medals from the World Championships in Holland. Well done Jayden!!

British Gymnastics

Huge congratulations go to Jaydon Paddock (Einstein) who was recently crowned World Champion at the World Age Group Men's 17-21 Tumbling Championships in Russia, only a few months after his 17th birthday. Well done Jaydon.

Football

We are delighted to announce that Sebastian Revan (Nightingale) has secured a scholarship with Aston Villa FC to start the first steps on his journey to becoming a professional footballer, starting in July 2019. He is following in the footsteps of his brother Dominic who left Wood Green Academy only two years ago, but has already been a named substitute for Aston Villa's first team in their last four EFL Championship fixtures ahead of several high earning seasoned pros – hopefully he will have made his full debut by the time the newsletter goes out. Their cousin, Ackeme Francis-Burrell (Ali) has also recently signed schoolboy forms for Premiership team Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Charlie Whitehouse (Einstein) was selected out of her 16 other team mates to represent West Bromwich for 10 days in the Punjab of India. The work they did focussed around the village of Rurka Kalan, where they got to meet the habitants there through a charity called YFC. They participated in many activities such as: watching a cultural performance around gender equalities, a parade around the first football pitch built in the village; and a march through the village representing the morals YFC follow and inviting the villagers to watch them play in both the competitive games and non-competitive games of women's football. They also got the chance to give away football boots to the less fortunate girls, who play football with YFC. This is just a glimpse of the work they did in Rurka Kalan which gave Charlie a wider perspective of how the rest of the world live, and how different their lives are.

Upcoming Events – KEY DATES

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
Tue 5 Feb	SHAPE DAY 4
Thurs 7 Feb	Year 8 Options Evening 6.30 – 8.00 pm
Thurs 14 Feb	Year 8 Progress Evening 4.30 - 6.30 pm
Mon 18 Feb – Fri 22 Feb	HALF TERM
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
Wed 10 Apr	SHAPE DAY 5
Thurs 11 Apr	Year 7 Progress Evening 4.30 - 6.30 pm
Mon 15 Apr – Fri 26 Apr	EASTER BREAK
Mon 29 Apr	KS3 SEN Enrichment Trip
Mon 29 Apr – Thurs 2 May	Yr11 GCSE French Speaking Exams
Tue 30 Apr	Yr10 English PP Trip
Wed 1 May	Yr11 GCSE PE Practical Exam
Thurs 2 May	Yr11 BTEC Dance External Exam p3/4
Fri 3 May	Yr7 Pop 1 History Fieldwork
Fri 3 May – Sun 5 May	Yr10 Silver D of E
Mon 6 May	MAY DAY – School Closed to all pupils
Tue 7 May	A Level Art Exam
Tue 7 May	Yr11 BTEC Dance External Exam p4
Thurs 9 May	A Level Art Exam
Fri 10 May	Yr7 Pop 2 History Fieldwork
Fri 10 May	A Level Art Exam
Mon 13 May – Fri 28 June	GCE/GCSE External Exams
Wed 15 May	Yr10 GCSE English Literature Exam pm
Fri 17 May	Yr8 HPV Injection (Girls)
Thurs 23 May	Yr10 GCSE English Literature Exam am

Many thanks again for all your support



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