



February 2023

Dear parent/carers/student

We now have less than 40 school days to the start of GCSE and A Level examinations; so this half term really sees the build up to the examination season intensify. Also, this half term sees internal examinations for years 7 and 10 and options interviews for year 8.

Please, can you therefore assist us, by encouraging your child to revisit work from all of their subjects on a regular basis. Spending a short amount of time, but often, on revisiting work, has proved to be most effective when revising and allows for better recall in examinations.

Safeguarding and Welfare reminder

We are having an increasing number of students using social platforms to be unpleasant to or about other students or sending inappropriate images to each other. We take such behaviour very seriously and urge parents to make sure that they are regularly checking their children's devices to protect them from such behaviour. Our website provides detailed information on on-line safety in the Parent section; we advise spending time reading this and the NSPCC site together with CEOP to enhance or compliment your own knowledge on keeping young people safe online.

Food vouchers and second-hand uniform

In a time where we are all experiencing higher prices and many of our families are balancing the cost of living, we would like to remind you that we have food vouchers available in school.

If your son/ daughter is in need of items of uniform, we have ample supplies in school which are all laundered and free to those who need any such items. We have a wide selection of coats available as well as PE kit, Sweatshirts, t-shirts and trousers.

If you need any of these items; please contact your son/ daughter's year team or email Mrs Wood.

External Review

As you will be aware, an incident took place in our sixth form on the Step Up 4 Life Day on Tuesday 15th November 2022. As a school, we are dedicated to ensuring that we provide the very best education for our students and service to our community. To ensure this incident was thoroughly looked at we commissioned an independent panel to carry out a review.

On 17th February 2023, we highlighted the actions that we have taken to address the recommendations from the external review, and also the actions that we are proposing to take. We are aware that not all parents/carers were able to attend this meeting, however we are keen for you to have your say and be involved in improving the action plans that we are proposing. As a result, we have created a form for parents/carers that highlight the recommendations and the actions we have taken/plan to take, so that you can inform us as to whether you feel these actions will address the recommendations from the report. You will also be able to suggest additional actions that you feel would help if you wish.

If you would like to take up this opportunity, please can you complete this form by Friday 3rd March: <https://forms.office.com/e/VfUdHv72X1>

Parking

Once again, our local residents have raised concerns regarding a minority of parents that have caused issues in terms of their parking and collecting of students; this has been escalated to the local authority.

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.

Wood Green Academy is raising funds for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey / Syria

This week, Student Ambassadors will be raising money to support the humanitarian efforts in Syria following the devastating earthquake.

- Wednesday 1st March - cake sale in Hughes Foyer at break time.
- Friday 3rd March - samosa sale in Hughes Foyer at break and lunch time.

Students - please come along and help us raise lots of money!

Wednesday 1st March

A reminder that the school will be closed to students that are in years (7-10), other than those identified as vulnerable; provision has also been made for a number of children of key workers in years 7 and 8.

In years 7-10, on this day, students will be invited to live lessons on Microsoft Teams for the majority of lessons. Where a member of staff is unavailable, students should complete the remote learning/self-isolation work or create revision resources.

Students in years 11, 12 and 13 MUST attend school and their lessons as normal (including registration).

Mobile Phones

Once again please can I thank the vast majority of parents/carers that ensure that their child does not bring their mobile phone to school, however there have been a number of incidents in the last half term that we have had to deal with, therefore for clarity, students in years 7 – 11 **MUST NOT** bring mobile phones onto the school site. If there is an emergency safeguarding reason for a student to have a mobile phone on them on the journey to and from school, parents **MUST** request temporary permission from Mrs Wood in writing with the understanding that the phone **MUST** be handed in to YL/SSM each day for the period of time that the emergency safeguarding reason is in place.

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 2.40-3.00pm (in the event of school finishing early, phones due to be collected, can be picked up between the end of school and the following 20 minutes e.g. 12.00 and 12.20pm.). 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 2.40-3.00pm. 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 2.40 - 3.00pm 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 2.40 -3.00pm. **So, if a phone is confiscated on Wed 29th March, Thurs 30th March or Fri 31st March, it will not be returned until Monday 17th April 2023 (between 2.40 – 3.00pm) as per our policy. EXCEPTIONS to this policy will not be made and ANY student that refuses to hand in their mobile phone when asked to, will be issued with a Permanent Exclusion. This sanction has been consistently applied where in the rare occasions this has happened in the past.**

Student Achievements

Sporting Success

The following students were part of our Year 10 Girls team who won the Sandwell Handball Competition:

Alexandra Becky (Ali), Hope Busher (Shakespeare), Precious Ngbeken Itota (Nightingale), Pheena Smith (Parks), Aishat Quadri (Ali), Aaliya Rai (Nightingale), Poppy Whincup (Parks), Lillie Hales (Nightingale), Nimrita Jewan (Da Vinci) and Amaria Deans (Da Vinci).

We entered two teams into the Sandwell Year 9 3x3 Basketball tournament. With only one loss during the group stages the team progressed into the playoffs. After two hard fought games in the quarter finals and 3rd place playoff, we finished 4th overall:

Romario Joe (Parks), Owen Nwiwu (Ali), Charlie Evans (Ali), Ismail Nazir (Shakespeare), Junnatty Hasan (Nightingale), Thomas Barham (Nightingale), Nathaniel Scrutton (Shakespeare), Haris Khalid (Nightingale), Ahyar Chaudry (Ali), Tishy Blake (Einstein) and Abdul Mahi (Einstein)

Our Year 8 Basketball team has played 8 fixtures in the West Midlands' division Jnr NBA tournament. Next round is the playoffs:

Azjuan Allen (Einstein), Finley Batchelor (Da Vinci), Matteo Essoki Eyoum (Da Vinci), D'Quan Farrell (Parks), Faizan Hussain (Da Vinci), Shamirr Jaimandi (Einstein), Ruaan Joe (Parks), Sameer Miah (Shakespeare), Kevin Morgan (Shakespeare), Kiaan Tyagi (Parks) and Atal Zorialei (Nightingale)

We had success in the Regional Finals of the U13s English Schools Table Tennis Championship, where Ruaan Joe (Parks) and Danila Luzaic (Da Vinci) both progressed to meet each other in the final. Ruaan came out as the winner in a tight final and is now through to the National Finals in April.

Student Leadership

Student Ambassadors have successfully run their first cycle of Student Voice/Listening Ear Forum this half term. Pupil response was good, and issues raised were presented to Mr Topham and the Senior Leadership Team with feedback being disseminated to all pupils when we return.

Make sure you look out for the next Forum!

Our Student Ambassador committees are working hard providing opportunities for pupils in school and helping to keep our school site tidy.

- **Learning Committee** – providing support for pupils with homework, options advice and reading in the Learning Hub
- **Eco/Community Committee** – help keep the school site clean every Tuesday after school by litter picking
- **Rewards Committee** – providing form time quizzes!
- **Wellbeing Committee** – helping with Student Voice Forum and organising the delivery of roses and sweets for Valentines Day.

House Competition – Bird Photography

Congratulations to all who took part.



1st Place – James Lloyd Yr10 (Da Vinci)

2nd Place – Archie Watkins Yr11 (Da Vinci)

House General Knowledge Quiz

We had a massive response to our House General Knowledge quiz. Thank you to our Rewards Committee for organising.

Winners:

Yr 7

- Saeed Eshan (Da Vinci)
- Muhammed Ehtisham (Da Vinci)
- Mrs Ford (Nightingale)
- Mr Price (Einstein)

Yr8

- Joe Bird (Shakespeare)

Yr9

- Mrs Beech (Ali)
- Mr Berdesha (Shakespeare)
- Erin Collins (Nightingale)



Yr10

- Miss Inderjeet (Da Vinci)
- Taylor Humphries (Da Vinci)
- Jessica Brown (Da Vinci)
- Diesel Yarnell (Da Vinci)
- Aaron Lawley (Da Vinci)

Yr11

- Mr Dale (Shakespeare)
- Mr Al-Yanai (Nightingale)
- Harmeet Powar (Einstein)

PE Inter House Competition

Overall winners

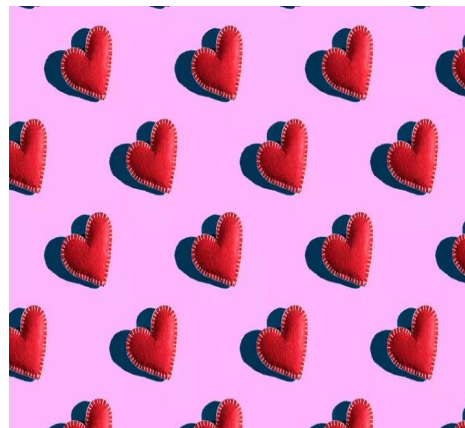
1st Place – Nightingale

2nd Place – Da Vinci

3rd Place - Ali

Valentines Event!

Thank you to our Sixth Form Ambassadors for organising such a lovely event.



House Attendance Jan-Feb 2023

Nightingale – 93.7 %

Shakespeare – 93.2 %

Parks – 92 %

Da Vinci – 92 %

Einstein – 92 %

Ali – 92 %



Positive Achievement Points for Spring Half Term 1

Well done to all pupils who have shown 'Excellence as Standard'

Year 7 – Sam Haji (Einstein)

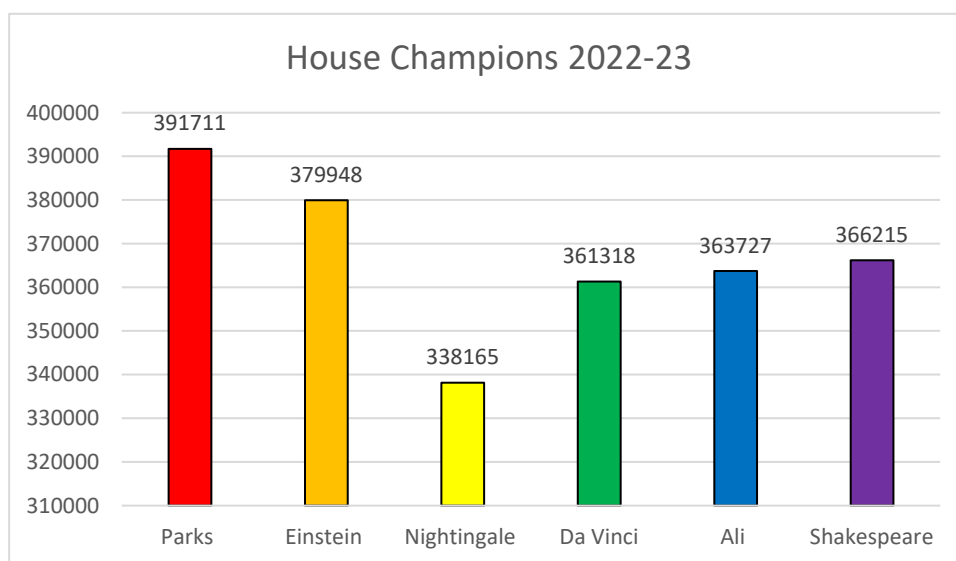
Year 8 – Aden Foster (Ali)

Year 9 – Naeem Choudhury (Nightingale)

Year 10 – Olivia Evans (Parks)

Year 11 – Archie Watkins (Da Vinci)

House Leader Board: Sept – Feb 2023



School Calendar

Just a reminder that the school calendar is on the school website and has all the Academy's key dates and activities listed: <https://www.woodgreenacademy.co.uk/school-calendar/>

Many thanks

Mr J Topham
Headteacher