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WELCOME

“Wood Green Academy has a very strong sense of community...
Equality, respect and tolerance are at the heart of the school’s values.
Pupils feel safe.”~ Ofsted 2025

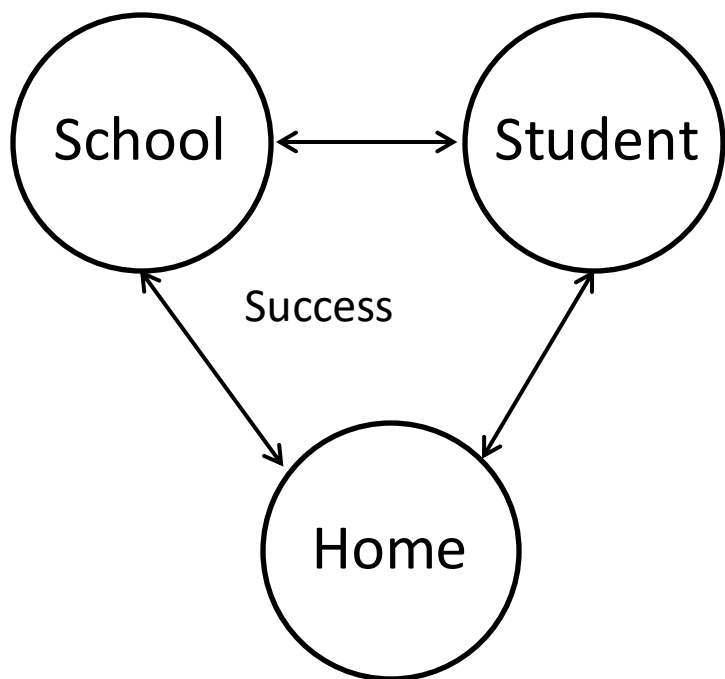


High Expectations

- ✓ Aspirations
- ✓ Quality of Work
- ✓ Behaviour and attendance
- ✓ Participation



Partnership



Literacy

- Reading
- Vocabulary
- Oracy



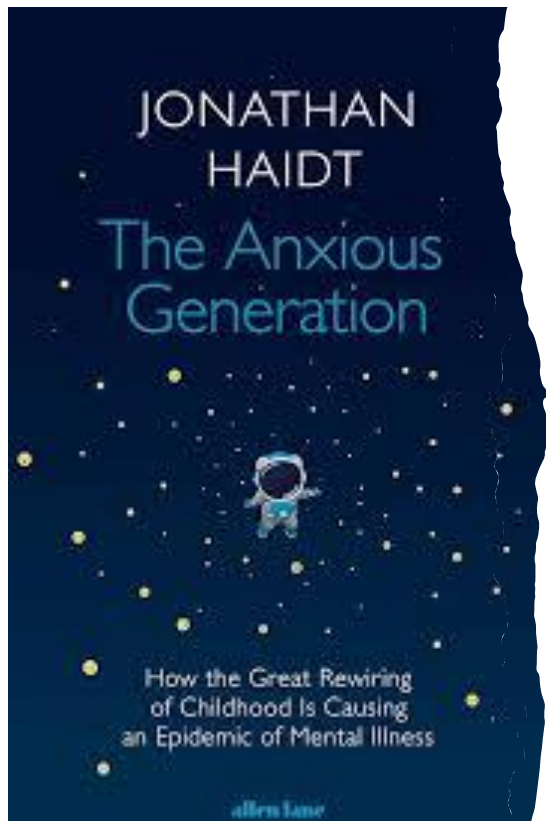
Support from School

- Form Tutor
- Year Leader Mr A Chisholm
- Student Support Manager Miss Hadley
- Student Attendance Manager Mrs V Williams
- Student Welfare Manager Mrs D Yates
- SENCO Ms G Warrilow/ Miss G Fox
- Deputy Headteacher Mrs B Smith
- Assistant Headteacher Miss R Donaghie

Support from Home

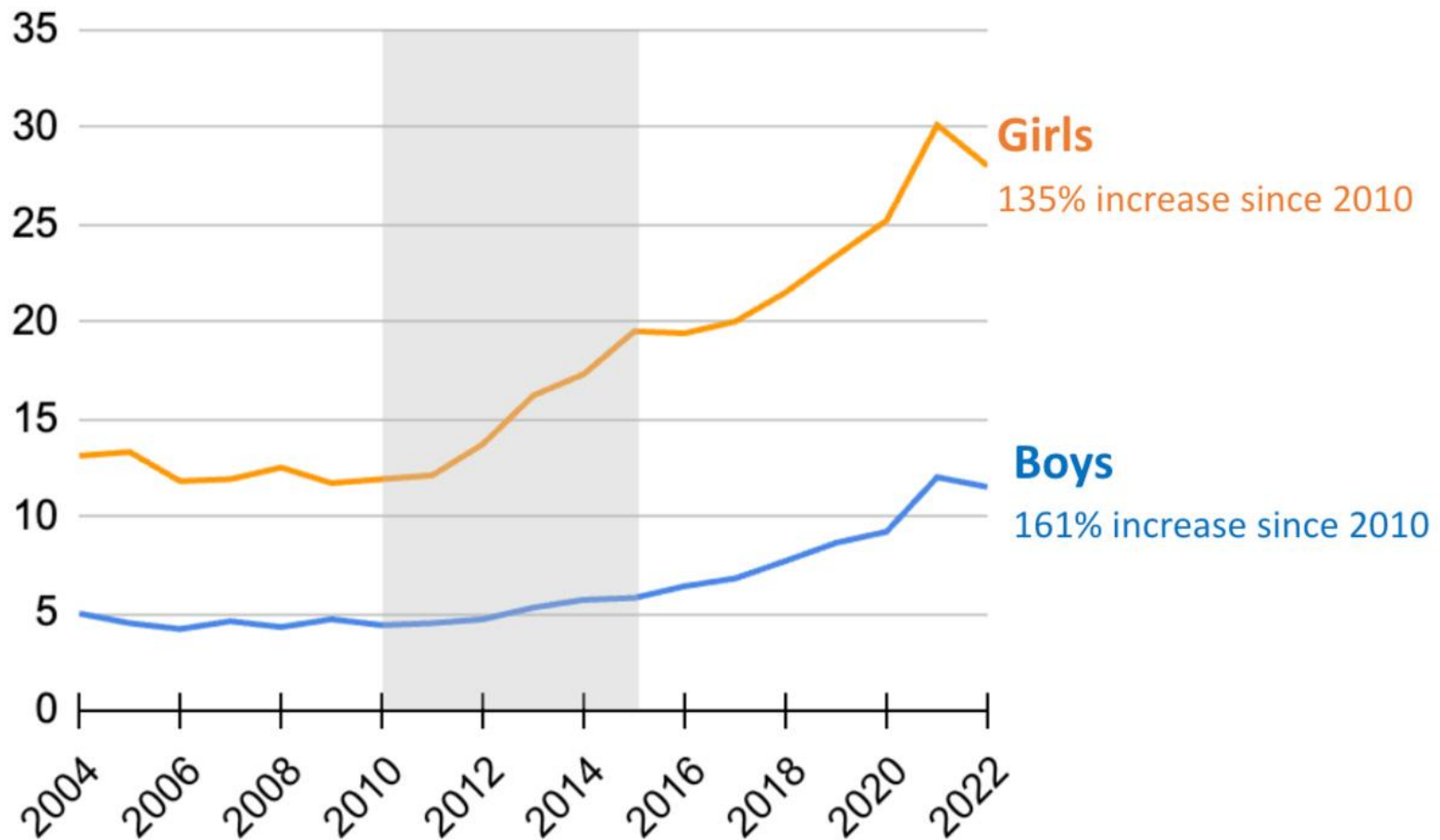
- Share your concerns with us and keep us up to date
- Monitor Homework – (it's OK to help them!)
- Attend meetings and events
- Don't ask us to change our rules for your son/daughter, Trust the staff and support the school
- Please spend time reading our School Handbook which is available on the website
- Mobile phones **are not** allowed in school.

The Anxious Generation

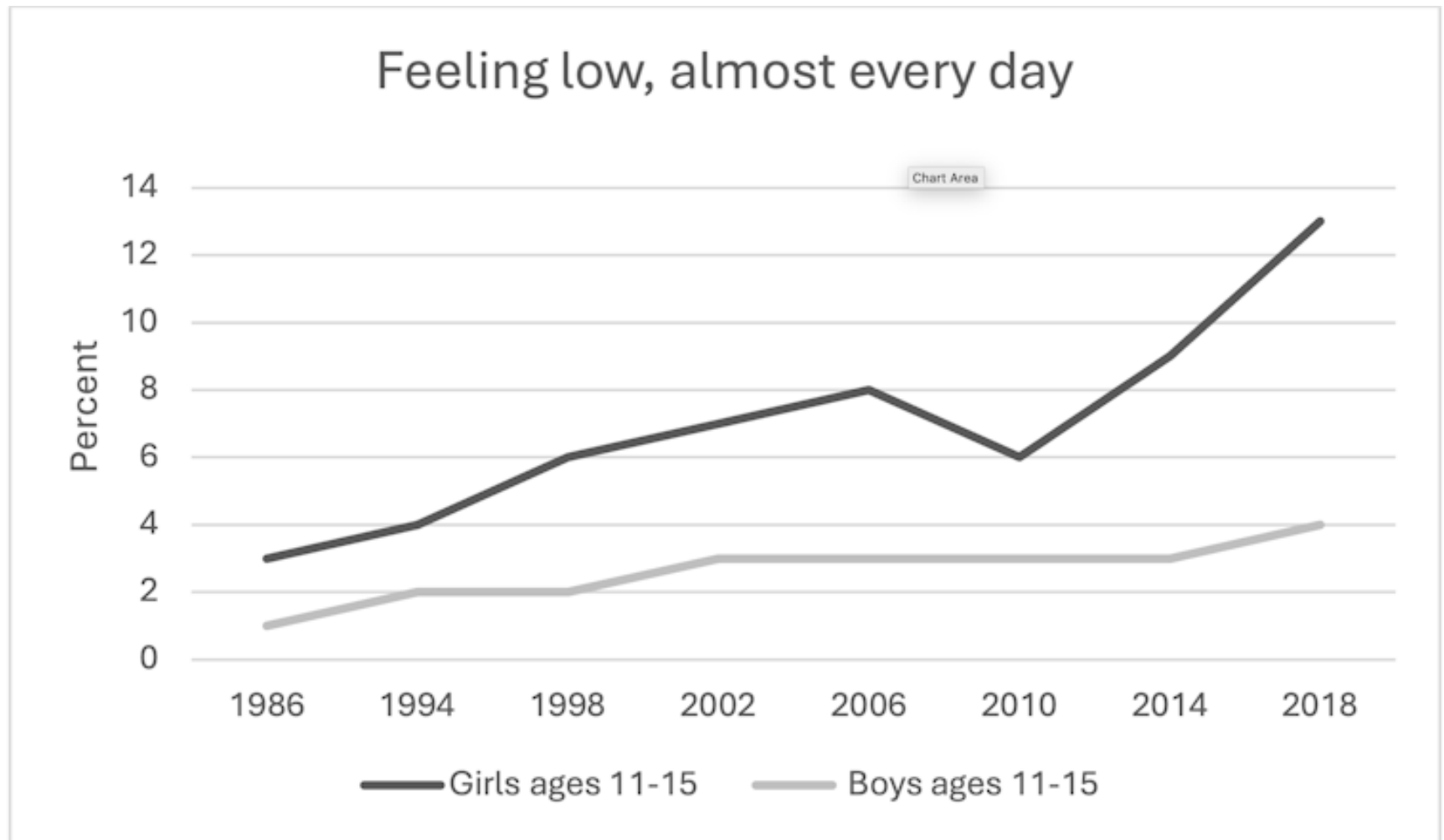


Anxious Generation
Phones and Children
By Jonathan Haidt

Major Depression Among Teens

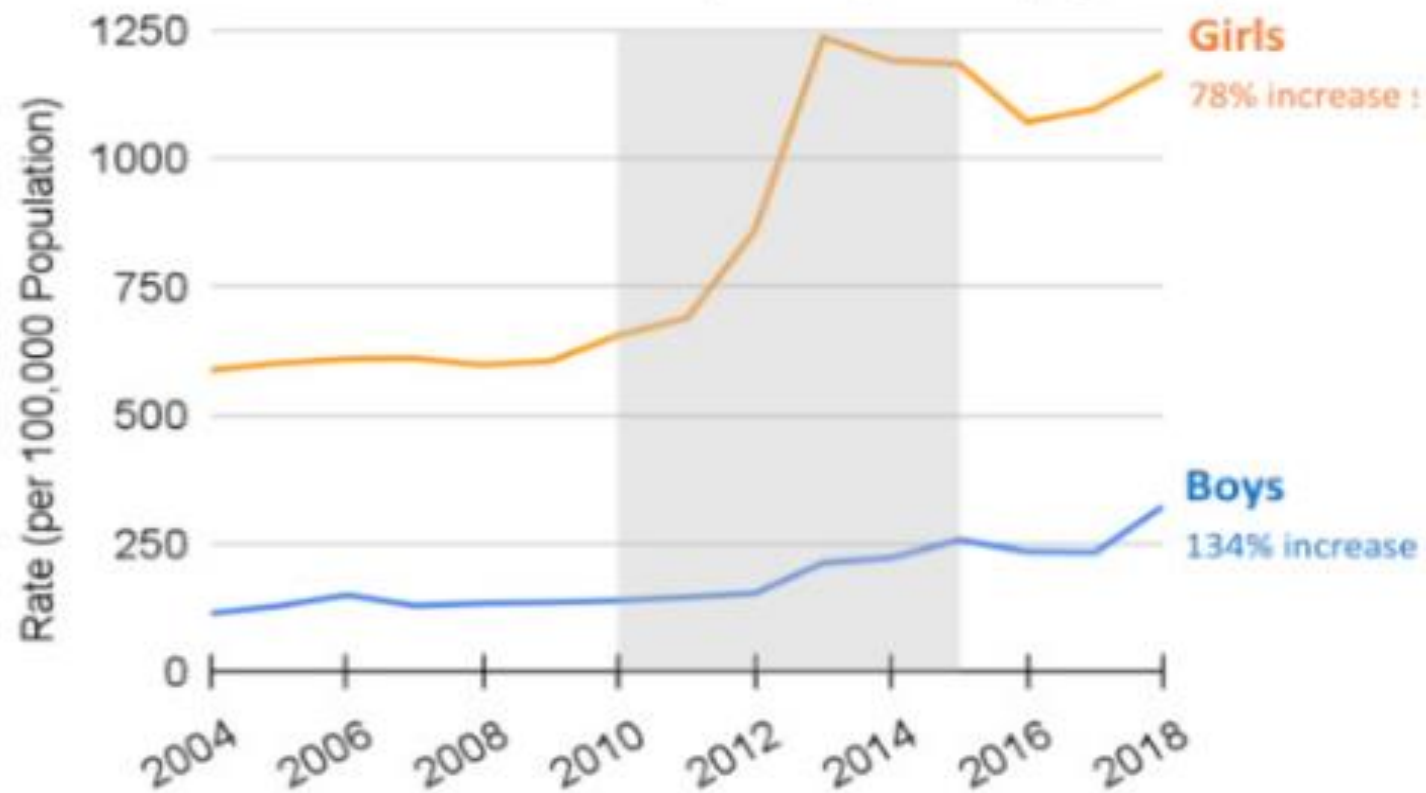


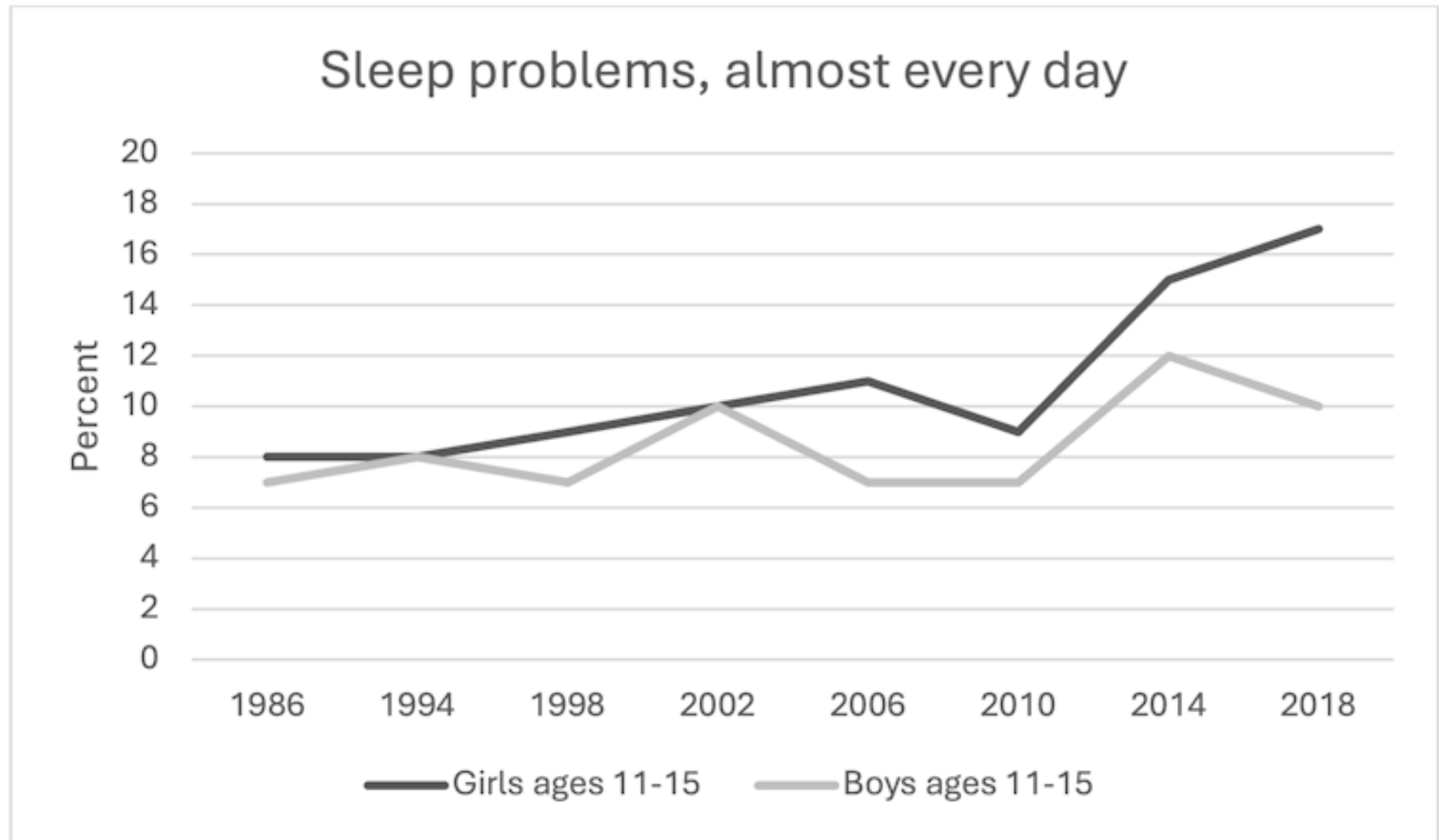
SOURCE: U.S. National Survey on Drug Use and Health





UK Teens, Self-harm Episodes (Ages 13 – 16)





Further Information

Video Clip

 [“Why Jonathan Haidt Says Smartphones Are Making Teens Unhappy”](#) (it’s an hour long)

The Anxious Generation Book

“The Anxious Generation” by Jonathan Haidt,. [Anxious-Generation-Rewiring-Childhood-Epidemic](#)

Newspaper article

‘The crux of all evil’: what happened to the first city that tried to ban smartphones for under-14s?

It’s a year since teachers in St Albans asked parents not to give younger children smartphones. How successful have they been? What do the kids think about it? And has it made the adults think about their own ‘addiction’?

Read in The Guardian: <https://apple.news/AZ9a8atMBQyeQHkJwu6TPFA>

Website

<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>

Online safety

Online Safety awareness and skills are delivered to WGA students through:

- Assemblies
- Step Up For Life Programme
- Form time activities
- Curriculum Subjects

Advice to Parents

- Delay giving smartphones
- Increase child's engagement in real world – clubs, sports, family time
- Use parental controls on phones, Check your child's device
- Phone free time (evenings and before sleeping)
- Phone free areas (unsupervised spaces, eg bedrooms)
- Spend quality time talking and doing things with your child
- As they get older encourage them to engage with adults in part time jobs, volunteering

Keeping safe online

The best support to keep our children safe online comes through the conversations that happen at home.

The WGA website has Online Safety sections for students and parents/carers,

There are resources and advice to support difficult conversations about topics such as sharing nudes and semi nudes, accessing pornography and cyber-bullying.

Attend the Coffee Morning in November for further information

Final message: Safeguarding

- Any concerns, please report however small they may appear to you.
- **Screenshot /Block /Report**
- Safe Spaces- social times.
- **Speak out button** is for parents and students
- Read the Safeguarding notices (flashpoints) on the website and keep up to date with local issues
- Safeguarding and Welfare Coffee mornings

Attendance – do you know?

- Students attending over 95% (up to 2 weeks missed) are twice as likely to achieve grade 5 in English & Maths than students attending 90% of the time (up to 4 weeks missed).
- The majority of students who have an absence in the first full week in September, remain 'Persistently Absent' for the remainder of the Academic year.

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ATTENDANCE
TIME TO ACHIEVE



EXCELLENCE AS STANDARD

Attendance

Attendance Target **98%**

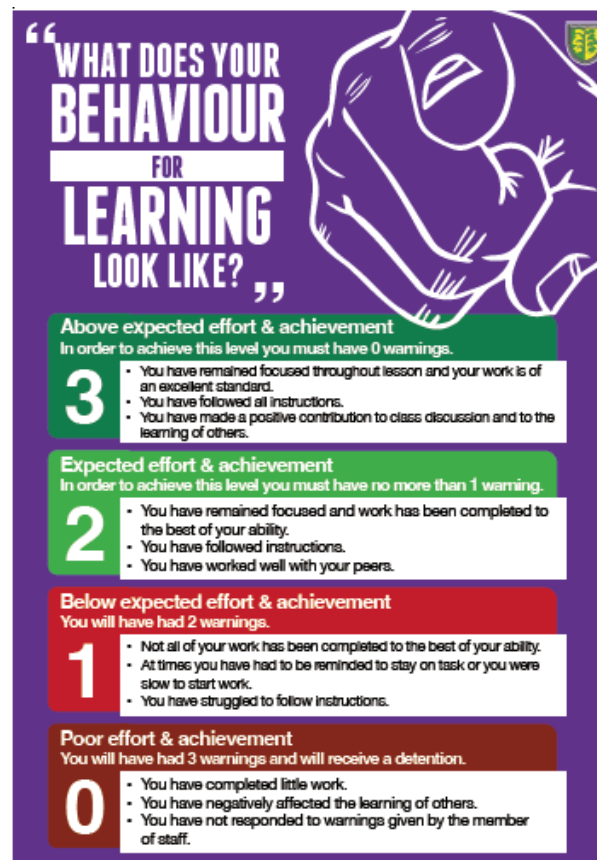
- GOLD > 98% and above
- SILVER > 96% - 98%
- BRONZE > 94% - 96%
- AMBER > 92% - 94%
- RED > 90% - 92%
- WISE UP 90% and below = **Persistently Absent
Parent contract/SASS involvement/Potential
fines.**
- Holidays: Not sanctioned during term time



What we need from parents/carers

- To send your son/daughter in EVERY day so they can be successful.
- On the rare occasion they are absent – phone the absence line before 8am.
- If they are feeling under the weather, send them in with a note. If they are too poorly to be in school we will contact you.
- If they have a serious injury, contact us so that we can make adjustments

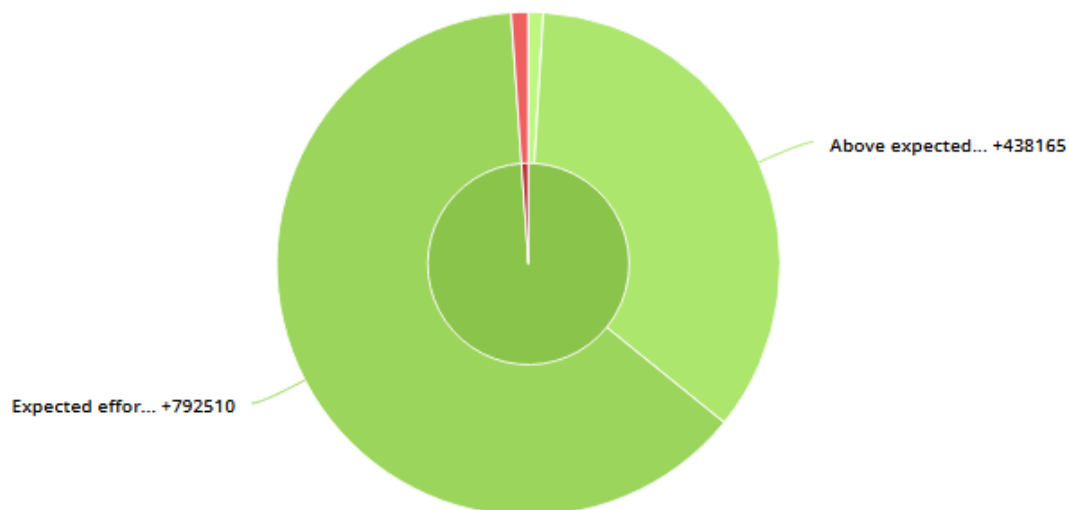
Detention System & ClassCharts



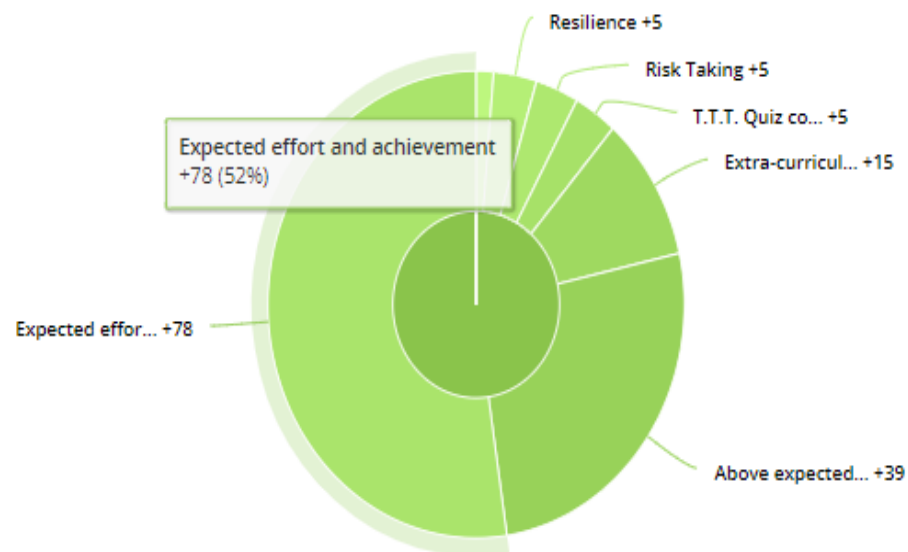


B4L

01/08/2024 - 18/06/2025



Behaviour score breakdown



Behaviour

- RESPECT
- Polite
- Following instructions
- No touch policy
- Learning environment
- Be prepared
- School/Year Group ethos



Mobile Phones



- ✓ This school is a pupil 'No Phone Zone'.
- ✓ Pupils' use of phones outside of school is primarily a parental issue.
- ✓ Social media is a challenge facing our young people that they need our help to manage.
- ✓ Screenshot, Block, Report.
- ✓ We need to work together to reduce the negative images and comments our young people see, watch, read and hear.

Outside of the Classroom

- Step Up 4 Life — 4 days per year
- Extracurricular — Most days, seasonal activities
- Student Leadership — Helping with important events
- School trips — Vary over the years
- Residentials — Further detail to follow



A1 & A2



D1 & D2



S1 & S2



P1 & P2

WGA House System



N1 & N2



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Rules and Reminders

Admissions Forms Reminder

- You should have received an email from 'Applicaa WGA'. **Please be aware, this is an official communication from WGA and is not spam.**
- Please also check your junk or spam inbox.
- If you have still **not** received the email, please provide us today with an email address where we can resend the official communication.
- Please use the link in the email to complete your child's administration forms online.
- If you would like a paper copy of the admissions forms please inform us today.

Deadline for completion: Friday 4th July 2025.

School Equipment in September

- All students must have a black pen (and a spare!), pencil, rubber, ruler, highlighter purple pen and reading book. (scientific calculator preferred *Casio FX83GT*)
- Please purchase an Academic diary for your son/ daughter to record extra instructions for homework that will not be added to class charts, and any other notes from form time or their lessons.


BAGS

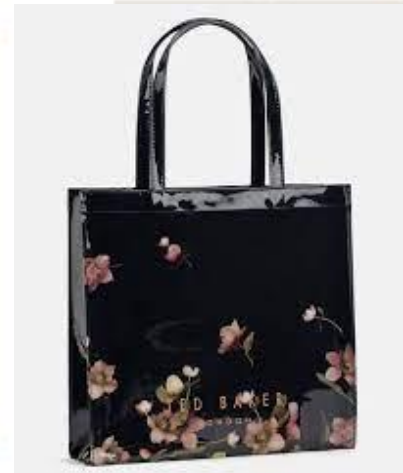
- **Plain and waterproof.**
- **Must be able to hold 2 x A4 folders.**
- **No large logos.**
- **No handbags/shopping bags.**
- **No string bags (unless for PE kit).**

Examples of bags which are suitable for school



LENCE AS STANDARD

Examples of bags which are not suitable for school 



EXCELLENCE AS STANDARD

Some examples of school shoes which are acceptable



Some examples of school shoes which are unacceptable



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Acceptable

PE Trainers

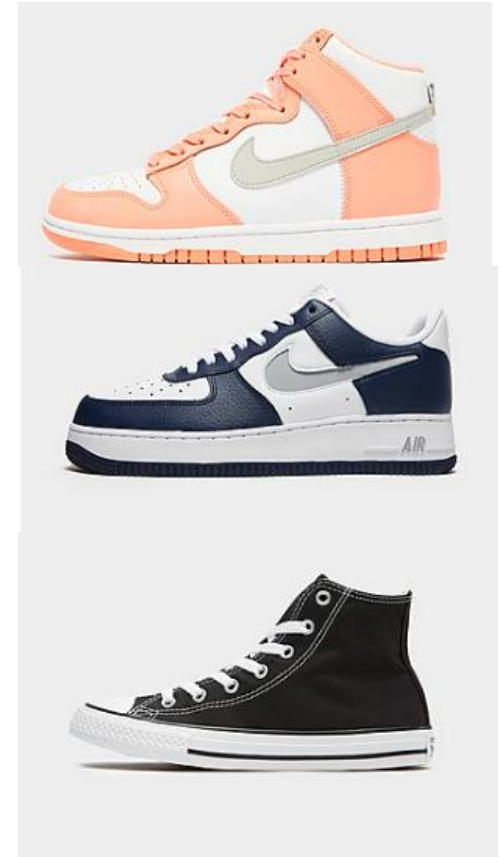


Unacceptable

- Running
- Astro
- General sport



- High Tops
- Flat soled trainers
- Canvas/pumps



PE Kit

- House T-shirt with WGA logo
- Black plain shorts or plain black joggers*
 - *Joggers should be **plain**, no branded logos e.g. Nike.
 - *Joggers should not be fleeced lined or leggings style.
 - *School branded joggers are preferred however; not mandatory.
- Suitable trainers
- Plain black zip up fleece* (optional)
 - *No branded logos e.g. Nike/North Face. Fleece must be **plain**.
 - *Quarter zips acceptable.
 - *School branded fleece is preferred however; not mandatory.
- Sports Hijabs preferred for PE
 - Must be **plain** and black.



Hair

- No 'V' cuts.
- No tramlines/patterns cut into hair.
- Must be of one natural colour.
- No highlights.
- No hair extensions.
- Hair clips must be black/dark green.
- Short spikes only on top, none at the back.
- No extreme hairstyles.

Students will be in isolation until it is sorted (notes will not do).



Jewellery



- 1 plain, small, round gold/silver stud per ear.
 - 1 watch (not a smart watch)
 - No nose or other piercings allowed.
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- Repeat offenders – confiscated and put in school safe until Friday 3:00pm (Parents to collect).
 - If not removed – excluded for defiance.
 - NB. Don't get your child's ear pierced over the summer, if they are not willing to remove them for PE in September.

Other reminders

- **Make-up – none**
- **Tattoos – none**
- **Mobiles – none**
 - If a student is caught with a mobile phone this will be confiscated, and a parent will have to collect it after 5 school days.
- **All students must have a reading book and pencil case.**

School Trousers

Trousers should be black and straight leg. No 'jeggings' style.



My School Day

TIMETABLE

08:30	REGISTRATION / ASSEMBLY
08:45	LESSON 1
09:45	LESSON 2
10:45	BREAK
11:00	LESSON 3
12:00	LESSON 4
13:00	LUNCH INCLUDING 20 MINUTES PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT TIME
14:00	LESSON 5
15:00	END OF SCHOOL

What do we do in form time?

Form Tutor/Personal Development Programme

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30am-8.45am	8.30am-8.45am	8.30am-8.45am	8.30am-8.45am	8.30am-8.45am
Assembly	Monitoring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attendance - Uniform - Equipment 	Form Tutor Choice/ Building Relationships	Form Tutor Choice/ Building Relationships	Form Tutor Choice/ Building Relationships
1.40pm-2.00pm	1.40pm-2.00pm	1.40pm-2.00pm	1.40pm-2.00pm	1.40pm-2.00pm
Reading	Personal Development: SMSC 4 Life	Personal Development: SMSC 4 Life	Personal Development: SMSC 4 Life	Fun Friday/ Preparation for House Competitions

Step Up 4 Life (PSHE)

Themes include:

- Health and Wellbeing 4 Life
- Safety First 4 Life
- Citizenship 4 Life
- Preparing 4 life in the Wider World





At WGA, ClassCharts is our main portal for information and communication with parents.

- School letters and announcements
- Parent/carers reporting absences with option to add medical evidence e.g. medical appointment letters.
- Student timetable
- Student homework
- Behaviour rewards and sanctions
- Detention notifications

It is very important that parents and carers have access to the ClassCharts app. The app will provide push notifications to mobile devices for the communications listed above.

If you require help with this, speak to a member of staff at the end.

Homework

- Homework is compulsory per school rules – non negotiable.
- There are sanctions for incomplete homework or homework that has not been completed to a high enough standard.
- They will receive multiple pieces of HW a day/week.
- Students must check ClassCharts daily to monitor homework set and deadlines.
- ClassCharts logins will be provided in September on the first day.



ClassCharts



Handbook

This can be found on the school website through 'New to Wood Green' section.



(Open your phone camera, it should detect it is a QR code, and allow it to download the Handbook)

FAQs – general/transition

- What time can I drop my child off?
 - Between 8:00am-8:30am
- What time do they finish?
 - 2:30pm both induction days. Usual finish time is 3:00pm
- What if they are waiting for a sibling?
 - They must wait at Newton Gate.
- What if they are unable to make Summer School?
 - Note this down on the Summer School form.
- Where do I purchase Wood Green Academy Uniform?
 - Clive Marks, Crested School Wear, First Choice Uniforms, CC Uniforms. Most suppliers allow you to place orders online.
- Are there any discounts for uniforms?
 - Vouchers are included in the pack issued tonight from some suppliers.
- Can my child wear a skirt?
 - No – our uniform policy does not include a skirt.
- What if they have a dietary requirement/ medication condition/allergy?
 - Put all this information in the admissions forms online.
- Is there a Y7 Parents Evening?
 - Yes, TBC in September
- How do I reapply for Free School Meals?
 - This will be covered in the Hall Talk from Head Teacher
- Where can they go at break/lunch time?
 - Canteen, field, playground, extra-curricular clubs, Learning Hub.
- Are there extra-curricular activities available?
 - Yes – lunch/afterschool. Schedule will be provided in September of clubs on offer.
- Is there an opportunity to play an instrument?
 - Yes – express interest in September
- Is there a Y7 Residential Trip?
 - Yes – Spring Term to Edmond Hall. Dates TBC.
- How can I report an absence?
 - Via the ClassCharts App or phone the school before 8:30am.
- What if my child is late?
 - They must sign in at Reception.
- What if my child feels ill in the day?
 - They will be directed to our Student Welfare Officer (Mrs Yates) in the medical room.
- What if my child is struggling?
 - Who can help? Year Leader, SSM, Form Tutor, all staff.
- What support is available for SENCo students?
 - A strong SENDCO Department led by Ms Fox.
- When is the first day of school?
 - Wednesday 3rd September. Full school day: 8:30am-3:00pm