



September 2024

Dear parent/carer/student

I hope everyone had a wonderful break and welcome back! I'd also like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students, parents, and carers joining the Wood Green Academy family.

Congratulations to all our students who received their examination results this year. Your resilience and determination have truly impressed us, and your outstanding results reflect the hard work put in by students, staff, and parents throughout the year. I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to everyone involved in helping our students achieve their success. Parents, carers, teachers, support staff, governors, and friends have all played a crucial role

Enrichment: September 2024

The Enrichment programme will commence week beginning 9th September.

Therefore, all students in Year 7 and 8 are required to attend school in their full PE kit on their Enrichment days:

- **Year 7** - every Monday from Monday 9th September 2024 regardless of their Enrichment activity.
- **Year 8** - every Wednesday from Wednesday 11th September 2024 regardless of their Enrichment activity.

It is essential that only items outlined on the school PE kit list are worn – hoodies, non-school sweatshirts and non-school tracksuit bottoms may not be worn.

Students may wear their school sweatshirts over their PE tops, but must remove them when they do their activities.

This does not apply to PE lessons on other days of the week.

Please contact the Academy should you require any further information.

New Staff

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

Mr CHANA	Teacher of Chemistry
Mr GREENWAY	Teacher of DT
Mr HARTHILL	Teacher of Computer Sc
Miss IQBAL	Teacher of English
Miss JONES-HUGHES	Teacher of English
Miss RAHEELA	Teacher of DT
Mr RAI	Teacher of Maths
Miss DULLESTON-REID	Teacher of Sociology +RE
Mr SLINGER	Teacher of Chemistry

Safeguarding

It is vital that our records regarding emergency contacts are up to date, and as a parent it is your responsibility to inform us of any changes. If you have changed your details or want to update any information regarding emergency contacts please either email the year office of your child, or give your child the information to bring to the year team in a sealed envelope. We require at least two emergency contact numbers. Please make sure that we have these by the end of next week (13.09.24).

If you have moved home or have a new email address, please let us know.

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 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, that 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, when they can only be collected by Parents/Carers between 3.00-3.30pm. (In the event of school finishing at 12.00pm, phones due to be collected, can be picked up between 12.00 and 12.20pm.).

Phones confiscated on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday will be confiscated until the end of the following school week, when 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 3.00pm - 3.30pm, 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 3.00-3.30pm.

So, if a phone is confiscated on Wed 23rd Oct, Thurs 24th Oct or Fri 25th Oct, it will not be returned until Monday 4th November 2024 (between 3.00 – 3.30pm) 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.

Behaviour Policy

The behaviour policy is available to read in full on the school website and is available here: <https://www.woodgreenacademy.co.uk/download/behaviour-policy-2024-2025/?wpdmdl=49861>

The main changes from last year are as follows:

- Timings changed to reflect the new school day.
- Pg 5 – Charter of Rights replaces school rules.
- Pg 7 – Section added on Mobile Phones/Smart Technology.
- Pg 9 – HT Detention can now also take place before school 06.30 – 08.30.
- Pg 10 – After an Internal Exclusion/Suspension, students will remain in isolation at social times until after a reintegration meeting has taken place.
- Pg 11 – Where students do not accept responsibility for their actions and additional time consuming investigations take place a further sanction will be applied if the original decision made was valid.

- Pg 11 – Although it is stated in the document, added the refusal to hand over a mobile phone will result in a permanent exclusion, for clarity.
- Pg 12 – Parents' responsibilities section added
- Appendices G, H and I – Updated the exclusion codes to match the DFE codes.

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. In particular, reversing, turning and blocking members of the public's drives.

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.

Student Leadership Team

A massive thank you to our Year 12 Change Your Mind Ambassadors who delivered a session to Year 7 students on Step up for Life day on mental health. Each ambassador delivered two one-hour sessions to full form groups engaging students and spreading important messages. This is the first year of these ambassadors at Wood Green and they have been a real asset to our PSHE programme, well done!

On Friday 5th July a reward party was held for the hardworking student ambassadors to recognise the commitment and efforts shown during this academic year. A party of recognition was held by Mrs Williams to congratulate the most dedicated of our leaders for their success.

Student Ambassadors for next year! Once again students from all years were offered the chance to become part of our Student Leadership programme.

Congratulations to the following students for securing places as Student Ambassadors and we look forward to seeing what you can contribute to Wood Green life in September:

Key Stage 3

Maddie Clews (Parks), Numaan Mohammed (Nightingale),
 Zunaira Kamran Khalid (Da Vinci), Saara Aabidah Rahman (Einstein),
 Mohammed Raihan Islam (Parks), Adam Hussain (Ali), Esme Jones-Bowater (Da Vinci),
 Naya Longmore (Einstein), Farha Malek (Einstein), Adam Roy Atkinson Hall (Nightingale),
 Eliza Williams (Parks), Syeda Hussain Shah (Parks), Brooke Crumpton (Parks),
 Jessica-Lyn Hudson (Parks), Mya Ruby (Shakespeare), Tanzina Zannat (Einstein),
 Olivia Stevens (Einstein), Aryan Patel (Einstein), Alaana Smith (Parks),
 Olivia Rose Edis (Ali), Dexter Wiggetts (Ali), Brooke Williams (Ali),
 Casey Bradshaw (Da Vinci), Nadirah Ramzan (Einstein), Kuwarveer Sharma (Nightingale),
 Maddison Burns (Parks), Lexie Halford (Parks). Laura Beardmore (Shakespeare),
 Yusuf Halim (Shakespeare)

Key Stage 4

Khiyan Morkar (Parks), Lacie Powell (Einstein), Joe Bird (Shakespeare),
 Insha Yaqub (Da Vinci), Jalean Hawley (Nightingale), Tahmid Islam (Shakespeare),
 Bethany Winn-Sanders (Shakespeare), Sumaiyah Tasneem (Shakespeare),
 Harrison Knight (Shakespeare), Jodhman Mann (Ali), Naeem Choudhury (Nightingale),
 Abbie Edis (Ali), Tami Ajayi (Einstein), Ayesha Akhtar (Einstein),
 Elizabeth-Jayne Harpin (Da Vinci), Owen Corbett (Parks), Shah Hussain (Da Vinci).
 Alina Kabir (Nightingale), Chelsy Mvere (Parks), Tayba Islam (Shakespeare)

Key stage 5

Sanjula Sapkota (Da Vinci), Elisabeth Halford (Ali), Shayma Begum (Parks), Sophie Rushton (Parks), Cassey Clews (Parks), Mohammed Saeed Alam (Da Vinci), Ta'izah Hussain Naqvi (Shakespeare), Madison Cooper (Ali), Ritika Rohella (Einstein), Heather Stbbs (Nightingale), Ikjot Bhuller (Nightingale), Mohammed Naeem (Nightingale), Imaan Guernah (Nightingale), Chloe Hughes (Nightingale), Analeigh Halford (Einstein)

And finally a massive well done to our Head, Deputy Head Ambassadors and Committee Leads.

Head Ambassadors

Cassey Clews (Parks), Tami Ajayi (Einstein), Mohammed Raihan Islam (Parks)

Deputy Ambassadors

Elisabeth Halford (Ali), Shayma Begum (Parks), Khiyan Morkar (Parks), Joe Bird (Shakespeare), Maddie Clews (Parks), Zunaira Kamran Khalid (Da Vinci)

Committee Leads

Owen Corbett (Parks), Mya Ruby (Shakespeare), Olivia Stevens (Einstein)

Second hand uniform and food vouchers

We have a large supply of second hand uniform, particularly sweatshirts. They are all laundered and in good condition. If you would like to collect any item please let the year team know and this can be arranged.

Please also remember that food vouchers are also available should they be required.

Student Achievements

On Friday 28th June, we held a contemporary dance workshop as part of FABRIC's Centre for Advanced Training Programme, led by dance artist Zoe Chambers. FABRIC were really impressed by the enthusiasm and passion for dance and energy in the room. Zoe noted the dancer's creativity and expressiveness, and a huge well done to all who took part in the workshop.

The leaders of asked for energy and every single individual in the room gave 110% throughout the workshop. A wide variety of street dance fundamentals was delivered in a short space of time and was they were extremely impressed by the students' ability to adapt to new styles. They commented on it being such a pleasure watching everyone's confidence shine within the first 10 minutes and Wood Green is home to some impressive, talented young people. A big well done to everyone involved!

Eco Schools Green Flag Award 2024

'Pupils in your school are clearly very passionate about environmental issues and willing to go above and beyond to create positive impacts in their local community and beyond.'

This year student ambassadors have been working as part of Wood Green's Eco-committee to achieve the Eco-Schools prestigious national award- the Green Flag. This award is a credit to their year long efforts including delivering assemblies, weekly litter picks, the design and implementation of energy reduction stickers along sharing student voice at an SLT meeting on the need for recycling bins in the school outdoor areas. This small but dedication group of students is headed by Owen Corbett (Parks) and includes: Mohammed Raihan Islam (Parks), Zunaira Kamran Khalid (DaVinci), Kian Russell (Parks) Maddie Clews (Parks), Mya Ruby (Shakespeare), Khiyan Morkar (Parks), Ayesha Akhtar (Einstein), Naeem Choudhury (Nightingale), Cassey Clews (Parks), Elisabeth Halford (Ali), Sophie Rushton (Parks), Alisha Choudhury (Ali).

Express and Star Black Country Heroes Award

We are pleased to announce that Olutamilore Ajayi (Einstein) has been selected as a finalist for the Express & Star Black Country Heroes Awards in the 'Future Star' category.

This is an award that recognises the contributions 'above and beyond' made by students in schools. Olutamilore is a worthy nominee who plays a proactive role in her Student Ambassador role championing local causes , representing the school both within and outside of the school community.

The awards will take place in September and we look forward to keeping you posted of the outcome. Well done Tami!!

School Rebuilding Programme

We have now started the pre-feasibility stage of the school rebuilding programme which will see considerable investment over the next 3 -5 years into the school site. The next stage will see a series of surveys taking place before a full feasibility is completed and potential solutions explored. This is a really exciting opportunity for the school and I'm hoping to keep you updated throughout the project.

School Calendar

The most up to date version of the school calendar is available on our website and can be found in the following location: <https://www.woodgreenacademy.co.uk/school-calendar/>

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

Many thanks



Mr J Topham
Headteacher