



Woodkirk Academy  
&  
The Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy

# E-Newsletter

**Date: 11 January 2019**

Dear Parents

Please note that holidays for the rest of the academic year are as follows:

<i>Holiday</i>	<i>The Academy Closes</i>	<i>The Academy Opens</i>
Spring mid term	Friday 15 February 2019	Monday 25 February 2019
Easter	Friday 5 April 2019	Tuesday 23 April 2019
May Bank Holiday	Friday 3 May 2019	Tuesday 7 May 2019
Summer mid term	Friday 24 May 2019	Monday 3 June 2019
Summer	Friday 19 July 2019	

Our Easter holiday is one week later than many Leeds Schools and in line with our Leodis Partners East Ardsley, Hill Top, Westerton and Blackgates Primary Academies.

This was first published in the Spring Term of 2017 and has been planned to minimise disruption for students and pupils in the run up to examination courses.

## Progress Reports

The Winter Progress Reports for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 are now available to view.

## Year 8 Parents' Evening

The Year 8 Parents' Evening is being held on **Tuesday 29 January**. Letters have been issued to students today with details of the online booking system and how to make your appointments. The booking system will open on **Friday 18 January at 6pm**.

## Online Safety

[Click here](#) for help and information on how you can help keep your child safe online.



## Evening of Show Tunes

### An exciting date for your diaries!

Come along and see 'An Evening of Show Tunes' presented to you by Woodkirk's Key Stage 4 performing arts students on Monday 11 February.

Tickets are £3 and will be available for purchase from the drama studio at break time week commencing Monday 28 of January.

We look forward to seeing you there.



## Lost property

The collection of glasses, football boots and trainers which are currently in lost property, will be displayed during break times from Monday to Wednesday next week outside the lost property room. If items are not collected by Wednesday they will be sent to charity. If your child is missing any of these items, please encourage them to go along and take a look.

## Lego Masters

Do you or does someone in your house eat, sleep and breathe the little plastic bricks? Is the **LEGO MASTERS** build room with over 1 million bricks your idea of heaven?

The producers of the popular Channel 4 series LEGO MASTERS are looking for a new bunch of imaginative building pairs to take part in a third series of the bold brick-building competition.

If you think you, a family member or a friend have the creativity, skill and imagination to be crowned Britain's best amateur building team then please email [build@tuesdayschild.tv](mailto:build@tuesdayschild.tv) Applicants must be aged 9+ by 03/02/2019 in order to take part.

A colorful promotional poster for LEGO Masters. The background is blue with yellow clouds. At the top, it says "DO YOU WANT TO PUT YOUR BRICK BUILDING SKILLS TO THE ULTIMATE TEST?". In the center, "LEGO MASTERS" is written in large, bold, red letters. Below that, it says "The popular Channel 4 series is looking for imaginative building pairs to take part in the creative brick-building competition to find the UK's most talented amateur builders." At the bottom, it says "Please email [build@tuesdayschild.tv](mailto:build@tuesdayschild.tv) for more information." There are also some small text lines at the very bottom: "Unfortunately, we are unable to answer all the requests individually. Under 18's - must be aged 9+ by 03/02/2019 in order to take part and a parent or guardian must email on their behalf. Tuesday's Child is committed to safeguarding and protecting your Personal Data. Further information can be located on our website - [www.tuesdayschild.tv](http://www.tuesdayschild.tv)". The poster features various LEGO structures: a hot air balloon, a house, a tower, and a windmill.

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## Parking

Major problems have been experienced with parents trying to drive in and out of the school at the end of the day. This practice creates a serious health and safety risk, as does using the bus bay as a 'pick-up' point at the end of school. We have also received a complaint from Arriva Bus Company of the danger posed to students on Rein Road and the bus drivers trying to negotiate their way in and out of school due to parents ignoring the rule of parking on the **school side only** of Rein Road. The police have been informed of this concern. May we remind parents of the following rules:

- Please only collect your child by car if it is absolutely necessary. The congestion on Rein Road at 3pm is becoming increasingly more dangerous for our students.
- Please **only** park on the **school side** of Rein Road, but not on the yellow, zig-zag lines as this is illegal.
- **Do not park** in the bus bays or enter the school grounds between 2.50pm and 3.10pm. Buses must have easy access in and out at all times.
- Please do not drive up or down the driveway between 2.50pm and 3.10pm Monday to Thursday and 1.50pm to 2.10pm on Friday. Our students' safety is paramount. You may park in the visitors' car park, arriving **before** 2.50pm but must remain there until 3.15pm (Monday to Thursday). On Friday you must arrive **before** 1.50pm and remain there until 2.15pm. However, the parking spaces near the school reception are limited.

Road users of **Scarborough Street** are respectfully asked to consider the local residents when parking. Some of the residents have expressed concern that road users are parking their vehicles across driveways or even in residents' properties. This is equally as important when dropping-off and collecting students – ensuring the area remains safe so students are not placed in danger due to inconsiderate driving.

### **Please remember to park considerately around Woodkirk Academy**

We always aim to encourage sustainable travel to school. However, should a parent need to drive to school, we would ask that drivers park considerately and safely along Rein Road. This will help make sure that we continue to keep congestion to a minimum, maintain a good relationship with the school's neighbours and help keep staff and students safe around the school. Please remember you should not park on the zig zag lines. In addition, drivers must not stop, at all, on the single yellow line on the opposite side (to school) of Rein Road. Even if a parent is dropping off or collecting a student, it is prohibited to stop on this single yellow line during specific times of the day. Please find a link for further information from the RAC:

<https://www.rac.co.uk/drive/advice/legal/parking-guide/>



It is worth noting that **Rein Road observes a 20mph speed limit** to ensure the safety of school children, pedestrians and other road users. Our Safer School's Police Officer is regularly monitoring Rein Road to encourage better driving outside of Woodkirk Academy.



## MY Ed

The **MY Ed** app is an excellent method of communication between school and home. It will allow you to check information about the Academy, attendance of your child, his/her timetable, and positive referrals will be 'pushed' to your phone. In addition, you will be able to communicate directly with the Attendance Team for free. Please download this free app and check out the 'News' page of the Academy's website for an information video: [NEWS - CLICK](#)



## Weekly Events

**Week commencing Monday 14 January 2019**

**Year 11 Mock Exams Week 1**

Monday 14	Tuesday 15	Wednesday 16	Thursday 17	Friday 18
	Year 12 Assembly – National Citizenship Service  <b>Detention 3pm in the Main Hall</b>  Theatre Trip – 'A Christmas Carol' West Yorkshire Playhouse, 6pm		Year 9 Textiles - Guest speaker  <b>Detention 3pm in the Main Hall</b>	<b>Friday PSA detention 2pm-3pm</b>  <b>Year 11 detention 3pm-4pm</b>  Year 8 Parents' Evening booking system opens at 6pm

