



Woodkirk Academy
&
The Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy

E-Newsletter

Date: 18 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 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 with details of the online booking system and how to make your appointments. The booking system will open **today at 6pm** and will close on **Monday 28 January at 3pm**.

Online Safety

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





Who are we? - The Safe Project is based within Leeds Children & Families Services - we are a team who work with young people and their families where there are worries about young people being sexually exploited by others – this is called Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

What is Safe Parent's Forum?

- Three weekly forum for parents/carers of young people assessed as at risk of or experiencing CSE.
- An opportunity to share experiences in safe, non-judgemental and supportive environment.
- An opportunity to meet other people who have had similar experiences.
- A time to relax, discuss and share ideas.
- A chance to have your voice heard and contribute to shaping services in Leeds.

Meetings will be held at The Safe Project in Leeds 7 between 11.00 am to 1.30 pm on the following dates;

Saturday 2nd February 2019, Saturday 23rd February, Saturday 16th March and Saturday 6th April.

Please ring Joanne (07717717102) or Lorraine (07712217170) for more details including venue. Transport can be arranged.

How does it work? – Safe Parent's Forum is open for parents to attend when they are able to or interested in doing so. You can drop in as it suits you. The 2 hour session is split into a semi-structured session focussing on one topic followed by time more social time when you can get to know each other, feel supported and support others and enjoy a tea and cake.

The exact programme will be agreed by the group and guest speakers are invited to share information.

What do we hope to achieve? - We promote the voice of the parent/carer using a variety of activities/techniques, including group activities and discussions. For those who want to, there is time to express any fears, concerns and feelings about what has happened to their young person. We are also interested in what has helped or hindered families. This will be used to inform our own practice within the team and also allow us to share views around wider service experience.



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.



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 from the drama studio at break time week commencing Monday 28 of January.

We look forward to seeing you there.



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 21 January 2019

Year 11 Mock Exams Week 2

Year 13 Mock Exams Week 1

Monday 21	Tuesday 22	Wednesday 23	Thursday 24	Friday 25
Staff meeting 3pm Students are asked to check extra-curricular activities.	Sixth Form Leeds Beckett Subject Enhancement Day Detention 3pm in the Main Hall 5.30pm - Year 7 (selected students) OPT2 Progress Evening in the LRC	Sixth Form Leeds Beckett Subject Enhancement Day	Detention 3pm in the Main Hall Year 9 Information Evening 6pm	Friday PSA detention 2pm-3pm

