



Woodkirk Academy  
&  
The Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy



# E-Newsletter



**Date: 21 December 2018**

**Happy Christmas and all the best for 2019**

## **Christmas Present Appeal**

We would like to thank all the parents and students who contributed to our present appeal. We collected 100's of presents which have been distributed to local families, the Radio Aire 'Mission Christmas' appeal and Morley Salvation Army to make a difference this Christmas.

## **Principal's Newsletter**

Please [click here](#) to view the Newsletter distributed this week by student post.

## **Online Safety**

Many children and young people will be given the latest gadgets such as tablets, smart phones and games consoles this Christmas.

The internet and all it can offer, is a wonderful tool for keeping in touch with friends and family, however parents and carers need to be aware that it is possible for people who are unknown to children and young people to communicate with them via the internet.

[Click here](#) for the latest advice from Leeds Safeguarding on some things to consider if you are buying a piece of technology for a young person this Christmas.

## **MindWell**

### **MindWell launches new Christmas toolkit**

Christmas is meant to be fun and magical but in reality it can be a very challenging time of the year for many people. The [#Christmastoolkit](#) brings together information about money worries and debt, how to manage stress and ways to take care of your emotional wellbeing this winter.

[Click here](#) to view the 12 days of Christmas Toolkit



## County Lines

Years 9, 10, 11 and the Sixth Form have attended assemblies this week to raise awareness around the increasing risks of County Lines.

Criminal exploitation is also known as 'county lines,' when gangs and organised crime networks exploit children to sell drugs. Often these children are made to travel across counties, and they use dedicated mobile phone 'lines' to supply drugs.

Parents can find out further information on the following websites:

- [www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-is-county-lines](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-is-county-lines)
- [www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/children-young-people/criminal-exploitation-county-lines](http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/children-young-people/criminal-exploitation-county-lines)
- **Click here** for advice from the Home Office: Criminal Exploitation of children and vulnerable adults

Any parents who have concerns around this, or any other safeguarding issue, can contact Mr D Currie in school.

## 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.



## Performing Art and Music Stars of the Week

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Daniel Wagstaff 7ZP	Max Stainthorpe 8YV	Conrad Gibson 9XY	Arabella Thornton 10WZ
Demi Brannan 7ZP	Niamh Shoemith 8YU	Ellena Halliwell 9XQ	
Freddie Hobson 7ZP	Shereena Rahimi 8YW	Kaitlin Talbot 9XY	
Hafsa Hussain 7ZP	T'Korey Griffin 8YX		
Harry Webster 7ZP			
Kieran Robson 7ZS			
Umaimah Hussain 7ZP			
Zara Ali 7ZP			

### 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](#)



### 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.





## Weekly Events

Week commencing Monday 7 January 2019

Monday 7	Tuesday 8	Wednesday 9	Thursday 10	Friday 11
<b>Staff meeting 3pm</b> Students are asked to check extra-curricular activities.	Year 8 Parents' Information Evening  <b>Detention 3pm in the Main Hall</b>	Rome trip parental meeting 6pm	<b>Detention 3pm in the Main Hall</b>	Year 7-10 & 12 Progress Reports published  Lord Greaves to visit Year 12 & 13 politics students  <b>Friday PSA detention 2pm-3pm</b>

