



Woodkirk Academy  
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The Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy

# E-Newsletter

**Date: 23 November 2018**

## Year 7 Parents' Evening

On **Tuesday 11 December** (4.30pm – 7.30pm), Woodkirk Academy will be hosting the first Year 7 Parents' (Consultation) Evening where subject teachers will be on-hand to answer any questions you may have about their subject and how it is delivered to your son/daughter.

To help with making appointments, we have introduced an online booking system. This allows you to select appointment times with teachers. Appointments can be made from **Tuesday 27 November, 6pm** and will close on **Monday 10 December, 3pm**.

Year 7 students have been issued with a letter today with all the details you will need to book your appointments.

## Year 11 Parents' Evening

A reminder that Year 11 Parents' Evening is taking place next week on **Thursday 29 November** (4.30pm – 7.30pm). The online booking system will close on **Wednesday 28 November, 3pm**.

**Please note that that there has been a change of entrance to the event.** Please report to the Main School entrance. Car parking will be available on the tennis courts. Hot and cold refreshments will be on sale throughout the evening.

## Blackgates Primary Academy Open Evening

To celebrate Blackgates joining Leodis Academies Trust, they are holding an Open Evening on Thursday 29 November from 6pm to 7.30pm. The event will showcase what the school has to offer to prospective pupils and parents for admission to all Year Groups. The evening will include a welcome from the Principal at 6pm followed by a chance to visit different subjects and activities to see what the school's happy and caring community has to offer.



## Attendance Awareness Month- November

Congratulations to the following form groups for excellent attendance:

### Week 1

8YY- 100%  
9XS – 100%  
12 U10- 100%

### Week 2

7ZP- 99.3%  
11VU- 100%  
12 U9- 100%

Parents can view their son/daughter's attendance figure on the OPT Progress Report. It is also possible to view the daily register for their son/daughter

attendance	Days absent in the year	In weeks	Missed lessons	5 years
95%	9.5 days	2 weeks	48	¼ year
90%	19 days	4 weeks	56	½ year
80%	35 days	8 weeks	112	1 year
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	157	1 ½ years
60%	80 days	16 weeks	224	2 years

## Children in Need

On behalf of all the Music BTEC students, we would like to say a big thank you to everyone that took part in our Children in Need Talent Show. We would like to thank all parents who donated prizes to this event as it meant we were able to hold our annual auction. We would also like to thank everyone who came to support the students on the night.

We are delighted to announce that third place went to Year 9 Evan McNamara who signed his way through a Taylor Swift classic of "Shake it Off". Our second place went to Year 7 Sophie Shackleton and Jess Welldon who did a very skilful dance to "Fire"- The next step, and finally first place went to Year 11 Safa Kadir who sung a beautiful song that incorporated French and English. This was Safa's first time performing in front of anyone and we are all very proud of her.



## Mental Health

### The Market Place

The Market Place is a free and confidential service available for 11-25 year olds in Leeds. They offer advice and support for issues such as anger management, anxiety, exam stress and self-harm. They offer a range of services including one to one support, counselling, group-work and drop-in sessions. All of these services are delivered by their Youth Work Service and Counselling Service. [Click here](#) to visit their website and find out more.

Another useful website to visit is [www.mindwell-leeds.org.uk](http://www.mindwell-leeds.org.uk) for more information and support on mental health problems, such as anxiety and stress.



### Macmillan Carol Concert

Macmillan will hold their annual Christmas Carol Concert on Wednesday 12 December starting at 7pm at Leeds Minster. This is a real festive event with lots of special guests and performances from local artists, including some of our Year 13 Performing Arts students. Tickets are available at [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk) - search "Carols for Christmas" priced at £10 which includes light refreshments. Under 12s are free. Alternatively school have tickets to sell, which will be available in R9.

This really is a lovely evening to get in the Christmas spirit and support the work of local charities who are working together against cancer.



### Year 11 GCSE Music Performance Exam Day

A reminder that the Year 11 GCSE Performance Exam Day will take place on 28 November 2018. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend all instrumental lessons in preparation for this assessment. If you have any further questions or require more information, please contact Mrs Dixon at [dixon.r@woodkirkacademy.com](mailto:dixon.r@woodkirkacademy.com)

### Careers – Year 12 Work Experience

Year 12 Work Experience Week commences 8 July 2019. Your son/daughter needs to arrange the placements directly with their chosen work experience provider and letters have been sent home about this. If they have misplaced their work experience form a further copy can be [printed here](#). Placements are limited at most organisations so it is essential that your son/daughter starts to organise this now to ensure they get the most valuable placement for them.



## 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.

## 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](#)



## Performing Art and Music Stars of the Week

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Max Hewitt 7ZY	Joshua Skyrme 8YX	Conrad Gibson 9XY	Rebecca Jobson 10WW	Emma Joyce 11VT	Miles Fortune 12U9	All Year 13 Performing Arts who organised the Talent Show
Alistair Newman 7ZY	Martha Watson 8YW	Justin Mpofu 9XV	Ava Hosley 10WU	Charlotte Goodair 11VX	All Year 12 Performing Arts who organised the Talent Show	
Max Houlker 7ZQ	Matilda Seddon 8YW	Kirsten Gardner 9XR	Holly Byron 10WV	Isabel Dobson 11VT		
Isabella Goodgame 7ZQ	Grace Frank 8YW	Anya Firth 9XY	Luke Dickinson 10WS	Haydn Hull 11VU		
Jai Jassi 7ZY	Evie Hall 8YW					
Ashton White 7ZQ	George Barracough 8YT					
Zach Wilson 7ZZ	Sophie Robbins 8YZ					
Daisy Hughes 7ZY	Ben Merriman 8YQ					
Elizabeth Else 7ZS	Melissa Howarth 8YV					
Chloe Adamson 7ZS	Phaedra Yankey 8YX					
Anna Kelly 7ZW	Isabel Frank 8YV					
Phoebe Wilson-Law 7ZQ	Caitlin Mulholland 8YU					
	Raleigh Pannell 8YP					
	Joshua Peters 8YR					





## Weekly Events

Week commencing Monday 26 November 2018

### Attendance Awareness Month

Year 12 & 13 Assessment Week 2

Monday 26	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 30
KS5 Performing Arts BTEC variety performance. Rehearsal (all day) & Show at 6pm  English Trip – London Macbeth Parent meeting 6pm in the LRC	<b>Detention 3pm in the Main Hall</b>  Online Parents' Evening booking system for Year 7 opens at 6pm	Year 11 Music GCSE Performance exam  Online Parents' Evening booking system for Year 11 closes at 3pm	<b>Detention 3pm in the Main Hall</b>  Blackgates Primary Open Evening 6pm – 7.30pm  Year 11 Parents' Evening 4.30pm-7.30pm	<b>PSA detention 2pm-3pm</b>

