



Woodkirk Academy  
&  
The Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy

## E-Newsletter

**Date: 10 January 2020**

**Years 7-10 & 12 Progress Reports are published today**

Dear Parent

### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy on the Academy's Local Governing Board. If you are interested, please visit the Parents section on our website, [www.woodkirkacademy.co.uk](http://www.woodkirkacademy.co.uk) for details on eligibility criteria. The closing date for applications is Monday 20 January 2020.

### **Leodis Academies Trust Admissions Consultation**

Leodis Academies Trust, as the admission authority for our four primary academies, is proposing changes to the admissions policy for each school, which would apply to applications for school places for the academic year 2021/22.

These proposals would make changes to the current admission arrangements for:

Blackgates Primary Academy  
Hill Top Primary Academy

East Ardsley Primary Academy  
Westerton Primary Academy

We are consulting on the proposals and would like to hear your views and comments about these, so that we can decide whether to include these changes for the admissions policy for 2021/22.

The consultation is taking place from Tuesday 9 December 2019 to Friday 24 January 2020 via the online consultation survey

The consultation document, consultation survey and proposed admission policy for each school are available to view at [www.leodisacademiestrust.com](http://www.leodisacademiestrust.com)

Paper copies of the consultation and response form are available from Reception at Woodkirk Academy.



## January Examinations

Some students in Years 10 and 12, and almost all students in Years 11 and 13, will be sitting mock examinations throughout January, with some sitting external examinations. Please be aware that there are rules and regulations for candidates sitting examinations – [click here](#) to view.

## Summer 2020 Examinations - Contingency Date

Please be aware that all students sitting external exams in the summer must be available until **Wednesday 24 June 2020**. This is in case any scheduled exam has to be postponed for an unlikely national unforeseen circumstance. This is relevant to all students across the country and not just students at Woodkirk Academy.

## Parentgym

If you feel you would like to get back to basics with your parenting and reinstate the values you hold dear, then Parentgym could be just the thing for you.

Parentgym is a six week programme of workshops. Each session will address a different topic with practical tips and techniques to make family life easier and help your children thrive. It is open to all parents and grandparents of children between 2-11 years across Leodis Academies Trust.

The workshops will run each Tuesday morning 9.30am – 12pm, at The Hare and Hounds Pub, Batley Road, Tingley WF3 1DU. The first session will take place on Tuesday 25 February and will continue for six weeks until Tuesday 31 March.

If you would like to put your name forward or would like more information, please email Nikki Power, Family Support Worker for Leodis Academies Trust at [power.n@woodkirkacademy.com](mailto:power.n@woodkirkacademy.com) or ring Janet Standage, Learning Mentor at Woodkirk Academy, on 074 8014 2694.

[Click here](#) to see a short video of a Parentgym session along with feedback from parents.

## Big Thank you!

A big thank you for everyone who attending and got involved in the school Christmas concert. It was a very successful night and we raised £133.56 for the Wakefield Hospice and £71.17 for the NSPCC.

## Year 8 Parents' Evening

Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place on **Wednesday 29 January**. Information will be sent out shortly and the online booking system will open on Tuesday 21 January for making appointments.



## Ski Trip Parents' Meeting

The Canada ski trip parents' meeting will take place on Thursday 16 January at 6pm in the Main Hall. All parents and students must attend this evening. Surfanic will be there with clothing/equipment to buy/order.

## Winter Weather Updates

We have had bad weather arrangements in place for many years, for the safety of students, parents and staff. However, it is our experience that as soon as snow arrives, the school switchboard becomes jammed with messages and queries from anxious parents. This not only overwhelms our support staff, but also prevents bus companies from being able to get through and update us about any changes to student collection arrangements.

We would therefore ask that parents do **not** phone unless it is an emergency, but to work with the arrangements set out below. Whatever the weather conditions, please always assume that the school will be kept fully open as normal.

## In the event of snow closing the school:

Parents will receive a text from 'WoodkirkAc' and a message will appear at the top of our website. In addition, further information can be heard on BBC Radio Leeds. Every effort will be made for a message to be posted on the website before 7am should the school be forced to close. If parents do not receive a closure text or there is not a message on the website, the Academy is **open**.

## 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](#)

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# WEEKLY ATTENDANCE RANKINGS

## W/E 10/01/20

7AV 100%

8ZT 97.9%

9YY 100%

10XR 99.2%

11WS 99.2%

THE **BEST** ATTENDING  
FORM GROUPS IN WEEK 16  
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.





## Weekly Events

**Week Commencing 13 January 2020**

**Year 13 Mock Exams Week 1**

**Positive Rewards Week**

Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17
<b>Staff Training 3pm-5pm</b> Please check if extra curriculum activities will be running	<b>Detention 3pm in the Main Hall</b>  English Parental Engagement evening for GCSE English Literature 6:00pm-7:30pm	Year 13 BTEC Art Exam all day	Year 13 BTEC Art exam  Ski Trip Parents' Meeting 6pm  <b>Detention 3pm in the Main Hall</b>	Year 13 BTEC Art exam  <b>Friday PSA detention 2pm - 3pm</b>

