



Woodkirk Academy
&
The Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy

E-Newsletter

Date: 11 October 2019

Dear Parent

Single-use plastic

Plastic pollution is very real and while single-use plastics are small, they have a large impact on the environment. The Academy is taking steps to reduce the use of single-use plastic in school and one of the ways we are doing this is by not using plastic cups. We therefore ask that you provide your son/daughter with a drinking bottle so if they need to, they can use the water dispenser before school, at break and at lunch. Thank you.

Every Mind Matters

Having good mental health helps us relax more, achieve more and enjoy our lives more. There are simple things we can all do to look after our mental health and wellbeing.



[Click here](#) to view the NHS website which has a quiz to get a free plan designed to help you feel more in control, deal with stress and anxiety and boost your mood and improve your sleep.

Restart a Heart Day

Restart a Heart Day
16 October 2019



Woodkirk Academy will be joining over 170 schools across Yorkshire, which have signed up to provide students with life-saving cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training, in support of Restart-a Heart Day 2019. The Social Studies Faculty is dedicating curriculum time to enable 300 students across Years 7-13 to take part in the event on **Wednesday 16 October 2019**. We are sure you will agree it will be time well spent.



Carols Christmas

Everybody loves Christmas... Carol isn't everybody

Stage@leeds are looking for young actors to perform 'Carol's Christmas', a humorous, modern adaptation of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' written by Steve Ansell. The original production was written in 2008 and performed to appreciative audiences in Harrogate and Halifax. Our updated version will be performed on Saturday 14 December 2019 at stage@leeds.

- Open to all, no experience required and no auditions
- Two groups Age 10+
- Affordable
- Professional tuition in a state of the art modern theatre
- DBS checked professional staff supported by student volunteers

What will the sessions be like?

The first half of the session begins with physical and vocal warm ups, followed by an exploration of theatre techniques including improvisation, working with text, devising, character work and many others that relate to the production we are working on.

In the second half of the session we will be rehearsing 'Carol's Christmas' (with a little time at the end for theatre games). Carols Christmas will be performed at the end of each term at stage@leeds. Entry is free and you are welcome to bring friends and family.

PRICE

£42.00 per person

Concession* or additional family member:

£24.00 per person

(Available to those on low income and to second family members)

TIMES

10.00am – 11.30am

DATES

Session 1: Saturday 9 November

Session 2: Saturday 16 November

Session 3: Saturday 23 November

Session 4: Saturday 30 November

Session 5: Saturday 7 December

Session 6: Saturday 14 December

PERFORMANCE

Saturday 14 December 12 Noon, University of Leeds (venue tbc)

To book your place or for further information please contact Steve Ansell, Artistic Director at stage@leeds on 0113 343 8731 or email S.Ansell@leeds.ac.uk



Parking

There have been some problems 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 also politely request that you are mindful of local residents on Rein Road and do not block drive-ways. The police have been informed of this concern. May we remind you of the following rules:



- *Please only collect your child by car if it is absolutely necessary. The congestion on Rein Road at 3pm (2pm on Fridays) is becoming increasingly more dangerous for the students.*

- Please observe the single yellow line restrictions. Parking on Rein Road has been significantly reduced and there are now parking restrictions on the opposite side to school, and alongside the highway leading up to the M62 motorway bridge. The afternoon restrictions run from 2.30pm until 4pm. It is crucial drivers observe these restrictions, otherwise staff, students and other pedestrians are at considerable risk.
- Students' safety is paramount. Parents may park in the visitors' car park (the Front Yard opposite reception), arriving **before** 2.50pm *but must remain there until 3.15pm* (Monday to Thursday) and 1.50pm until 2.15pm (Friday) when they may leave. However, the parking spaces, near the school reception are limited.

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](#)



October Half Term 2019 Activities

Trips and activities available for ages 11+ & 13+ - Doncaster Dome, Xscape, Alton Towers and Lightwater Valley!

Booking line is now open - click [here](#) for further details





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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE RANKINGS

WEEK 6

7AQ	100%
8ZV	99.3%
9YX	99.3%
9YY	99.3%
10XX	100%
11WZ	97.2%

THE **BEST** ATTENDING
FORM GROUPS IN WEEK 6
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.





Weekly Events

Week commencing Monday 14 October 2019

Black History Month

Monday 14	Tuesday 15	Wednesday 16	Thursday 17	Friday 18
Awards Evening 6.30pm	Year 11 BTEC Performing Arts Performance Day Year 12 Geography trip to Scarborough Detention 3pm in the Main Hall	Year 12 Geography trip to Scarborough Restart a Heart Day	Detention 3pm in the Main Hall	Careers Fair Year 13 English trip to London departs (Returns Sunday 20 October) Friday PSA detention 2pm - 3pm

