



Woodkirk Academy
&
The Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy

E-Newsletter

Date: 13 September 2019

Dear Parent

Autumn Letter from the Principal and Associate Principal

Please [click here](#) to read the Autumn letter from the Principal and Associate Principal.

Thursday 26 September

Woodkirk Academy will be holding its Open Day / Evening on Thursday, 26 September. **School will close to students at 2pm.** Please note that the L53 bus will be the only service at 2pm.

Morning Routines / Arrival

Students are expected to be on the school site by **8.45am**, at the very latest. Form Time begins at 8.50am and we expect all students to be with their Form Tutor by the time the bell rings at 8.50am prompt. There are very few valid reasons why students should be late. Whilst it is understood there is a lot of traffic in the surrounding area to Woodkirk Academy, this must be factored in if you choose to bring your son / daughter to school by car.

We would ask for your support in ensuring your son / daughter arrives at school on time, fully prepared to learn and comes to school with all of the necessary equipment – especially the school planner.

Training Days 2019/2020

The remaining Training Days for the academic year 2019/20 are:

Monday 18 November 2019
Friday 14 February 2020
Monday 20 July 2020



Friends of the School

We are a small group of parents who help out at a number of events throughout the year to raise money, both for the school and local charities. We have our first meeting on **Wednesday 25 September 2019** at 6pm in the Sixth Form Centre. Please come along if you would like to hear about what we do and share with us any ideas you may have.

We would also welcome any raffle prize donations to help us with fundraising. Please send them to school marked for the attention of Trish Shaw.

If you would like any more information please email me on shaw.p@Woodkirkacademy.com

Trish Shaw
Friends of the School

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 new 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.



Art & Design Saturday Club



National Art and Design Saturday Club, University of Leeds

Leeds University are offering a Free Art & Design Saturday Club for 13 – 16 year olds which aims to nurture young people's talent and build their confidence and self-esteem.

Saturday Club members have the opportunity to attend over 20 weeks of inspiring classes over the academic year, experience a range of different disciplines using specialist facilities, and, to exhibit their work in their own Summer Show at Somerset House, London. The Club is suitable for young people of all abilities with an interest in art and design. Participation in the Club is free of charge, this includes travel for any trips undertaken during the Club.

The deadline to express your interest in the 2019/20 Club is **Monday 23 September 2019**; places will be confirmed at the end of that week and the Club will commence on Saturday 12 October.

For further information and the expression of interest form please see our website www.artsoutreach.leeds.ac.uk/whats-on-offer/saturday-art-club/ or email Sarah Harvey Richardson S.H.Richardson@leeds.ac.uk



BFI Film Academy

Are you 16-19? Passionate about film? Want a career in the film industry?

The BFI Film Academy aims to help train and inspire the next generation of UK filmmakers, supporting talented and committed young people aged 16-19 to develop the commercial and cultural knowledge and skills to help make a career in film a reality. The BFI Film Academy offers training for every film industry role, from writing to production, sound design, editing and camera, and provides learning around film history and cinematic storytelling to inspire an appreciation of film culture in the round.

The BFI Film Academy Leeds is delivered by Leeds Young Film in partnership with Access Moving Image and Beta FilmWorks.

What Do You Get?

- Hands-on filmmaking experience to help you to develop practical knowledge and skills.
- Opportunity to explore your own creativity and passions in a supportive and dynamic environment.
- Invaluable experience working alongside industry professionals who are respected practitioners in their field.



- The chance to watch a range of cinema from British independent to specialised films.
- To work in teams towards a practical film-based project.
- A FREE Weekend pass to the INDIs (Independent Directions) Film Festival.
- A FREE BUZZ Pass to the 33rd Leeds International Film Festival.
- Once you have completed the Network course, you will become part of the growing BFI Film Academy alumni network with access to opportunities such as BAFTA mentorships.
- You will also have the opportunity to complete a NCFE Level 2 qualification on the course.

The application deadline is **5pm on Friday 27 September 2019**. For more details and to apply visit: www.leedsfilmcity.com/film-opportunities/bfi-film-academy

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 Events

Week commencing Monday 16 September 2019

Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20
Unite Project visit to Nottingham DofE registration (Bronze) in W Block	Detention 3pm in the Main Hall	DofE registration (Bronze) in W Block Blackgates Primary Academy Open Evening	Rewards Trip to Alton Towers. Students involved should be at school for 7am DofE registration (bronze) in W Block Year 13 Information Evening 6.30pm Detention 3pm in the Main Hall	Friday PSA detention 2pm-3pm

