



Woodkirk Academy
&
The Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy

E-Newsletter

Date: 18 October 2019

Dear Parent

Progress Reports

Progress Reports for all year groups will be available to view on **Friday 25 October**. In preparation for this usernames and passwords have been issued to the parents of students new to the school who do not have siblings here.

If you already have a son/daughter at the school then any new siblings have been added to your account and your username and password remains the same.

New user details will be sent out by **Monday 21 October**. When looking for the e-mail please check junk or clutter folders. If using gmail the message will go into the updates inbox.

Look Again Campaign



Leeds Safeguarding
Children Partnership

Child sexual exploitation affects thousands of children and young people across the UK every year. **Leeds Safeguarding Children Partnership** wants to remind people that males can be victims of CSE. Boys and young men are often overlooked as victims of child sexual exploitation (CSE). They are also less likely to report abuse or exploitation themselves, therefore practitioners need to be aware of the signs and indicators of abuse that boys may exhibit. Male victims of sexual exploitation are more likely to express trauma through anger, offending or aggression. As a consequence of this, many male victims are missed, because these types of behaviours may be seen as 'typical' in teenage boys. Further information can be found on the LSCP website: www.leedsscp.org.uk/lookagain



House System

As part of our commitment to all of our students working together and learning from each other, we are introducing a cross-age House System this year.

This system will mean that normal 'Form Tutor' time will be replaced with 'House Tutor' time during the registration period for six days over a two week period (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Tuesday, Wednesday), four times per year. In all cycles, Monday will remain a typical Form Tutor day to ensure that we maintain some of the key functions of our outstanding pastoral care.

The first cycle will take place on the following dates; 19 November, 20 November, 21 November, 22 November, 26 November and 27 November. The other three cycles start on 28 January, 17 March and 30 June 2020.

All students have been placed in one of the six Houses: Dentdale; Malhamdale; Ribblesdale; Ingleborough; Pen Y Ghent; or Whernside. All Houses will follow the same programme of activities, led by a House Tutor, designed to promote and develop a culture of community, family values and shared social responsibility. Students will have opportunities to engage with each other and flourish together in an environment that engenders fun and the formation of positive relationships, while learning and developing essential life-skills.

A link to the House Tutor rationale document can be found on the school website. This document provides more detail regarding the activities and the structure of the system should you wish to have a read.

I am sure that the students will enjoy the variety that the House System will bring to the academic year.

If you would like any further information, please contact Mr Lowe at lowe.j@woodkirkacademy.com.

Christmas Concert

Please note that the date of our annual Christmas Concert at St Pauls Church has been changed from the original calendar entry. The concert will now take place on **Wednesday 18 December 2019**, instead of Tuesday 17 December. We would also like to ask if anyone has any donations for raffle prizes these would be appreciated and can be dropped off at school Reception.

Design Technology Left Items

A reminder for all students to visit the Design Technology rooms and double check that they have not left anything behind this term. All items will be displayed on the side of R10 and R11 until 2pm on Friday 25 October. After this date, all items will be disposed of. This includes plastic containers/food boxes, plastic bags and any food left.



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.

Market Place



LIFESMART WORKSHOPS @ THE MARKET PLACE LEEDS

TWO HOUR WORKSHOPS EXPLORING:

ANXIETY	SELF-HARM
EXAM STRESS	ANGER MANAGEMENT
HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS	SELF-ESTEEM

Looking at:

- What is it?
- How does it affect us?
- Coping strategies to deal with it.

For Young People 11-17 years old (parts of the workshop will be split into different age appropriate groups)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK EMAIL
WORKSHOPS@THEMARKETPLACELEEDS.ORG.UK**



TikTok

You may have heard of Musical.ly, TikTok is the new name for the expanded version of the app, which enables users to upload, watch and create short videos of between three and 60 seconds. [Click here](#) for information about the app, privacy settings and the best ways to keep children safe on TikTok.



Attendance



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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE RANKINGS

WEEK 7

7AT	100%
8ZW	98.7%
9YY	98.6%
10XR	98.6%
11WP	94.6%

THE **BEST** ATTENDING
FORM GROUPS IN WEEK 7
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.



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.

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 21 October 2019

Monday 21	Tuesday 22	Wednesday 23	Thursday 24	Friday 25
Year 10 BTEC PE Moderation Day	<p>Selected Year 11 & Year 12 students Careers Pharmacy Workshop (periods 1 & 2)</p> <p>Detention 3pm in the Main Hall</p> <p>Xscape visit for the ski trip 3.30pm-6.30pm</p>	<p>Years 12 & 13 BTEC Music Performance Day</p> <p>Year 10 BTEC PE Assessment Day</p> <p>Year 10 English trip to see 'Blood Brothers'</p>	<p>Year 11 GCSE Art mock exam day 1</p> <p>Detention 3pm in the Main Hall</p> <p>Sixth Form Open Evening 6pm-8.30pm</p>	<p>Non Uniform Day</p> <p>Years 7 to 13 Progress Report 1 published</p> <p>Years 12 & 13 Assessment Week 1 grades published</p> <p>Year 11 GCSE Art mock exam day 2</p> <p>Year 12 Product Design visit to JCB</p> <p>Friday PSA detention 2pm - 3pm</p> <p>Year 11 Detention 3pm-4pm</p> <p>School Closes for October Half Term</p>

