



Woodkirk Academy
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The Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy

E-Newsletter

Date: 22 May 2020

Dear Parents and Students

I hope this week's newsletter finds you all well.

As this half term draws to a close, I wanted to let you know of our plans for the remainder of the academic year as they stand. Unfortunately, we have not received the promised guidance with regard to the announcement that the government made asking schools and sixth forms to plan to offer some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of Year 10 and Year 12 students who are due to take key exams next year. As such, we have drafted a plan of what this may look like at Woodkirk but await the review of restrictions and further information before we can action this. What I am able to share with you is some of the ways the school will be supporting your child whatever changes come into play.

The Academy will continue to offer remote learning opportunities to all students, including those in Year 11. For Years 7-10 and 12 this will continue as this half term. Additional transition units will be added for Year 11 students wanting to join the Sixth Form in September to give them a taste of the courses on offer and help bridge their learning.

From 1 June we have asked Form Tutors in all year groups, including Years 11 and 13, to contact your son/daughter fortnightly by email. We are mindful that as this extended school closure continues we want our students to have not only their subject teachers there to support them but their Form Tutor also. Your son/daughter will need to log on and check their school email and to send a response to their form tutor by 3pm Thursday. Contact from Form Tutors will also be made with Year 11 and Year 13 students as part of supporting their transition to post 16 and post 18 opportunities.

Subject teachers have been asked to nominate students who they think are producing excellent work or showing strong resilience with distance learning to Mr Jones, Associate Principal. These students will be praised on the e-newsletter and the first group are included today. It is just one small way that we want to say a massive well done to our students who are doing so well in very difficult circumstances.

In line with guidance issued to primary schools from the government, Year 6 transition will not be undertaken on site at Woodkirk as it normally would. The transition team of Mr Cook, Mr Lazarus and Mrs Scott will co-ordinate our revised programme and have already been in touch with all our prospective students. To replace our traditional Induction Evening and Day, each department will supply an activity that can act as a bridge and welcome students to Woodkirk. These will be shared from July. This does not have to be submitted for feedback but is aimed to support families through the summer holidays. More details will follow next half term.

As you know, the Academy will be closed w/c 25 May to all students. As during the Easter holiday, I have asked staff not to set any work for students for that week. Over the holiday, students are more than welcome to continue with any work that has been set so far although, as I said last week, it is important that they rest and enjoy this time. There are, as during the Easter break, some activities on our website that families may like to do over the holiday. Please [click here](#) to view.

As I have requested that you do not email teaching staff or expect feedback on any work submitted over the holiday, I have included emergency contact information below. Please note that reception will only be open Thursday 28 and Friday 29 May 8am -1pm.

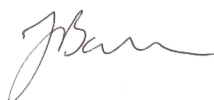
- Hardship or becoming eligible for free school meals please email Mrs J Hudson HUDSON.J@WOODKIRKACADEMY.COM contact the school by phone or text 07503 091455.
- Period products, please do contact Mrs Standage at [standage.j@woodkirkacademy.com](mailto:STANDAGE.J@WOODKIRKACADEMY.COM) or Miss Broadbent at broadbent.l@woodkirkacademy.com who have information about where you can obtain these.
- Safeguarding or child protection please email the safeguarding team at safeguarding@woodkirkacademy.com

Our next e-newsletter will be circulated Friday 5 June. For any updates prior to this date, please visit the Woodkirk Academy website.

Finally, thank you for all your continued support and positive messages. I know that staff appreciate them and they do get shared. I would like to take this opportunity to add my thanks to the staff also as they continue to do their best for our students.

Have a safe week and take care.

Yours sincerely



J Barton
Principal

Parents of Year 10 students

The Parents' Evening scheduled for 29 April was cancelled in light of the school closure. To replace these face to face meetings, teachers have written reports to share with parents the details of how students have performed in their subjects throughout the year. Please [click here](#) to view.

Year 7 Residential Information

The Year 7 residential to Derbyshire will be postponed to next year. More information will be provided at a later date.

How to send your teacher handwritten work

[Click here](#) for information about sending work to your teacher by phone

‘The Welcome Back Project’ Competition

Give Leeds a Voice

‘The Welcome Back Project’ invites KS3, 4 and 5 students to design an advert welcoming people back into the city of Leeds when lockdown is lifted. This could be a poster, a painting, a poem or even a video.

It should be as if they are the city speaking to the people returning back to work or school after this is over. It should be positive and welcoming. Most importantly it should make people smile and celebrate togetherness and unity.

Students need to complete a piece of artwork and a written piece to explain their idea (no more than 700 words). The prize winner's work will be unveiled on the screens at Millenium Square and will greet the people of Leeds through billboards, digital screens and websites in July.

Details of the brief and how to enter, including lots of inspiration, hints and tips can all be found on their website: www.thewelcomebackproject.com

Students can either submit their entry directly following instructions on the 'How to Enter' part of the website or send entries to Mrs Buckle at cadey.r@woodkirkacademy.com
Submission deadline is 12 June.

We hope lots of students will take advantage of this brilliant opportunity to showcase their artistic talent.

The 2020 Charles Causley Young People’s Poetry Competition

The Charles Causley Trust are running the following competition:

In celebration of the work of the Cornish poet Charles Causley, the Young People’s Poetry Prize 2020 aims to encourage and enable young writers to have a go at writing poetry themselves. Charles wrote prolifically for adults and for young people and much of his inspiration came from what was going on around him in his home town of Launceston in Cornwall.

With this in mind, they want the young poets of the future to be inspired to write their own poetry responding to this year’s theme of **‘Environment’**. You can enter through school, as part of a group or you can enter as an individual.

The competition is open to all young people **aged between 5 and 18 years old** who live anywhere in the UK and is **free** to enter. Poems will be judged by Patrick Gale and a panel of poetry judges with prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category – the awards ceremony will take place at the North Cornwall Book Festival in October 2020.

The three entry levels are:

Category A – children aged 5 to 11yrs

Category B – children aged 11 to 16yrs

Category C – young people aged 16 to 18yrs

Deadline for submission is 31 July 2020.

For an entry form and details of how to enter, please visit their website,
www.causleytrust.org/the-2020-charles-causley-young-persons-poetry-competition/

Students can either enter directly or send their entry by email to Mrs Buckle at cadey.r@woodkirkacademy.com

Stars of the Week

We have asked your teachers to nominate some students to be mentioned for their outstanding work ethic over this period of school closure. The number of you who have shown incredible resilience and desire to be the best you can be, has made it very difficult for teachers to nominate only a couple of students. Just a few of those nominated by one or more teacher are listed below. We intend to make this a weekly event so look out for your name in the next e-newsletter.

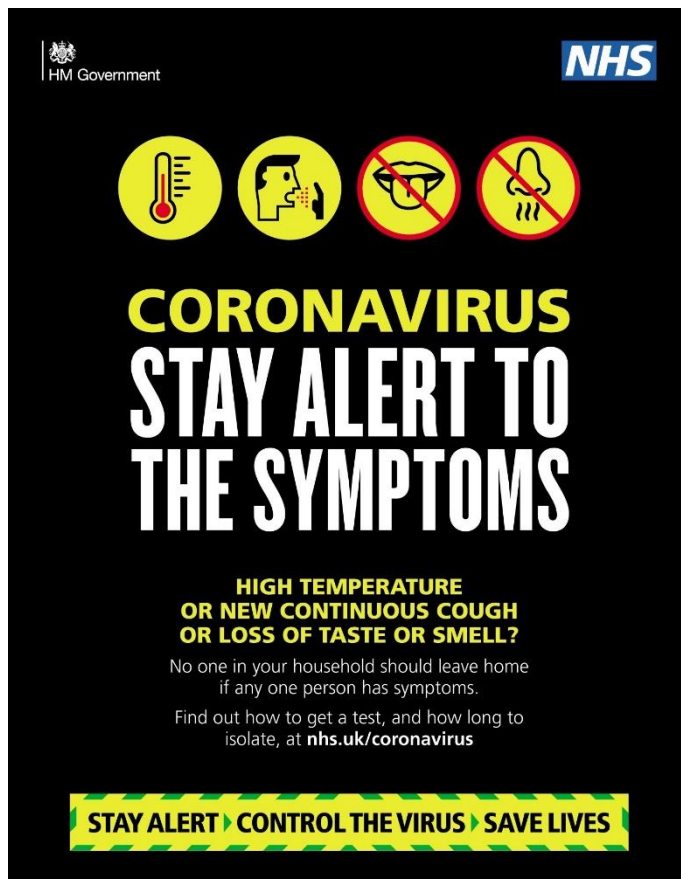
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Holly Adkin	Sulaimaan Abid	Scott Adams
Isabella Allott	Kian Atack	Zain Al
Emily Barstow	Charlie Bristow	Isobel Allsop
Miah Birdi	Katie Crossley	Eithney Armitage
Taio Bryan	Niamh Crossley	Jack Bromley
Luke Calvert	Lilia Daniel	Molly Chamberlain
Faye Cornell	Freddie Dearden	Ray Chen
Charlie Farish	Harresyn Delaney-Blenkins	Katie Cleghorn
Caitlin Furbank	Leo Denson	Eleanor Crossley
Liv Good	Abdullah Dhorat	Max Fletcher
Jenna Hayden	Evie Halls	Maisie Foster
Isabelle Heald	Evie Hartley	Sofia Fourket
Imogen Hopkin	Jake Healey	Lili Francis
Ashley Hudson	Daisy Hughes	Amy Grabowski
Seb Jeffers	Joseph Leathley	William Hallas
Katie Johnson-Dawson	Lauren Lomax	Finley Harding
Olivia Limbert	Madison Lowery	Abigail L Heald
Mischa McCullough	Jess Lumb	Mason Isherwood
Tomas McDonald	Zara Mahmood	Aaron King
Eleanor Spoors	Hannah McNab	Francesca Lambert
Jack Thewlis	Grace Messenger	Matilda Lock
Lily Toomes	Lucas Moorby	Emma McNab
Amelia Wainwright	Sam Norton	Aaron Moore
Lukas Wheat	Danny Smith	Bethany Montague
	Lewis Stead	Caitlin Mulholland
	Amelia Wade	Tori Mupandawana
	Jessica Whiteley	Saarah Nadat
		William Ramskill
		Callum Reynolds
		Niamh Sampson
		Ellie Shepherd
		Niamh Shoesmith
		Joshua Skyrme
		Helena Sorenson
		Lauren Smith
		Emma Thomas
		Jamie Thompson
		Louise Van Der Berg
		Alfie Vickers
		Megan Wormald

Year 10	Year 10	Year 11
Jack Ainley	Ellena Halliwell	Libby Harker
Amber Barraclough	Ciaran Hartley	Katy Jones
Neve Barraclough	Nicola Hartley	Kitty O'Donnell
Katie Birchenough	Caity Hyke	Bethany Smith
Louise Brown	Hannah Inman	
Polly Brown	Aleem Jamil	
Milly Burgoyne	Logan Jeavons	
Frankie Burton	Freya Johnson	
Ewan Cameron	Naeema Kara	
Ella Cartwright	Dominic Kinder	
Ella Chadwick	Alex Leeder	
Luke Chell	Emily Lancaster	
Yong Ming Chen	Jamie Lumb	
Hannah Croft	Jake Maclean	
Katie Crowther	Evan McNamara	
Amber Davies	Ellie Montague	
Sophie Duffield	Neve Northveth	
Rebekah Duke	Nathan Oldfield	
Jessica Dyer	Jake Penty	
Sebastian Falconer	Muhammad Ravat	
Matthew Farley	Archie Rhodes	
Karla Fell	Freya Rennison	
Ellie Finch	Tom Rossington	
Anya Firth	Niamh Stanley	
Oliver Flatters	Hannah Stoves	
Kieran Foster	Isobel Sutcliffe	
Freya Gleadhill	Jj Turpin	
Max Green	Halle Warrener	
Lia Groundwell	Maisie Welch	
Sophie Graystock	Daniel White	
Emily Guy	Holly Wright	

Year 12	Year 12	Year 13
Evie Abbott	Ellen Garrett	Adam Hofland-Ward
Teigan Avison	Charlotte Goodair	Lauren Kirkbright
Holly Ballance	Olivia Gooderick	
Emily Berry	Victoria Ledger	
Jenna Biddle	Bethany Lodge	
Sophie Blackett	Bethany Marsden	
Elliott Bland	Rani Mistry	
Charlie Cavinder	Abigail Morris	
Rose Cook	Natasha Penty	
Jasmine Darby-Lunn	Matthew Pygot	
Jacob Davison	Freya Siddle	
Izzy Dobney	Joe Thornton-Wood	
Isabel Dobson	Olivia Vincent	
Michael Donohue	Jasmine Wheatley	
Rachel Duke	Lucy Widdows	
Chelsea Dunnell	Kita Wren	
Nancy Edmondson		

Information from the NHS

Get the latest NHS information and advice about coronavirus at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/



SAFEGUARDING

Digital Safety during Covid-19

[Click here](#) to view the Kirklees Council Digital Safety information During Covid-19 document. This includes various sources of support and guidance for a variety of online harms, including radicalisation.

Cyber Resources

'Cyberland' is a suite of fun educational games designed to educate young inquisitive minds and introduce them to the world of cyber security as well as the Computer Misuse Act. Please [click here](#) to access the games.

Online Radicalisation Parents Information & Support

[Click here](#) for information.

Online Safety Survey for parents

[Click here](#) for our Online Safety Survey for parents

[Click here](#) for information on things you can do to keep your child safe online during this unsettling time.

Amazing arts and crafts

Don't forget to check out some fantastic artwork on Twitter - @Woodkirk_Art



Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

16 May at 04:30 · 🌐

Calling all young patients, families, artists, budding architects and designers! We're going to build a brand-new Leeds Children's Hospital and we need your help to design it. 🎨

Draw a picture, paint, make a model, write a poem, make it in Minecraft or Lego, make a short video – anything you like, it's up to you!

For your chance to win a £100 Amazon voucher, take a picture of your creation in good lighting, (you don't have to do this for a video) and share it with us at: <https://www.leedsth.nhs.uk/daring-designers-competition>

Entries close on Friday June 12, 2020 - good luck!

Get involved in local community events by entering this amazing competition
£100 Amazon vouchers up for grabs

Calling all future Architects



The Victoria and Albert Museum in London is asking if we can Help them build a collection of homemade signs and rainbow drawings created during lockdown

The V&A is collecting signs that have been created by individuals and communities in response to the current isolation measures. By collecting such artefacts, they aim to create and preserve a rich portrait of life under lockdown expressed through visual imagery. Help them build this collection by submitting **images of your homemade signs** via the email address Homemadesigns@vam.ac.uk or share images on social media using **#homemadesigns**.

This activity will form an important part of their work in documenting the crisis.

Rainbow drawings and imagery produced by children over the past few weeks, will be collected as an important symbol of their creativity and voice within our society. The rainbow signs will join over 40,000 child-related objects in their collection including toys, costumes and digital media.



CALLING
ALL
ARTISTS

Keeping fit

During these restrictions we understand that it is a challenge to ensure that we do enough physical activity to maintain a healthy lifestyle. With this in mind, the PE department have decided to try and motivate our students and their families to stay active. In their words:

“We will be uploading regular videos of staff completing challenges/workouts. Take a look, have a go and see if you can get all the family involved.” To access the videos please visit our Instagram page by searching: woodkirkacademy

COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) INFORMATION

Click [here](#) to view telephone numbers and links to a range of support and services available.

If you think you or a member of your household has coronavirus symptoms, [click here](#) for government guidance:

The latest information and advice published by the government can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Leeds City Council have developed a webpage [Coronavirus help for people and communities](#) which offers practical support such as access to food, money and advice around work and how Leeds City Council are currently operating.

Looking after children and young people during the Coronavirus outbreak

Please [click here](#) to read 10 top tips to help you look after the mental health of those you are caring for during this difficult time.

Calm Harm App

Calm Harm- is a free app for over 12's to help manage the urge to self-harm. Leeds City Council and the NHS in Leeds are encouraging young people to download the Calm Harm app, which helps you resist or manage the urge to self-harm. It also has breathing techniques to help reduce symptoms of stress and anxiety. You can download the Calm Harm app from the App Store and Google Play.

Find out more about services in Leeds on the MindMate website:
<https://www.mindmate.org.uk/im-a-young-person/whats-in-leeds-for-me/>

Virtual talks from Speakers for Schools

Speakers for Schools are an Inspiration Programme providing a network of today's most inspiring figures across business, arts, politics and more who donate their time to help inspire students to fuel their ambition.

Speakers for Schools are excited to present their weekly VTalks schedule. This schedule will be updated weekly and talks will be targeted to different age groups.

To view their complete schedule and information on how to access the talks, click [here](#).

Leodis Support Service

Leodis Support Service are continuing to support our young people and their families during the partial closures of all schools.

We are regularly updating our website to keep you informed of the services which are still operating locally and nationally such as Foodbanks, debt advice services, mental health support services etc. so that families can continue to access the help that they need.

Should you have any additional needs for your families outside of curriculum support, please [click here](#) for more information or contact us on 078 3571 2726.

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

