



Woodkirk Academy
&
The Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy

E-Newsletter

Date: 24 January 2020

Dear Parent

Mobile Phones

We would like to remind parents that mobile phones are prohibited in school for Years 7 to 11 – see section 24 of the Student Behaviour & Discipline Policy. [Click here](#) to view.

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place on **Wednesday 29 January**. Letters have been issued to students and the online booking system will be open until **Tuesday 28 January, 12pm** for making appointments. Please visit <https://woodkirkacademy.parenteveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointments during this time.

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.

County Lines

County lines is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more importing areas within the UK, using dedicated mobile phone lines or other forms of 'deal line'. They are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults to move and store the drugs and money and they will often use coercion, intimidation, violence (including sexual violence) and weapons.

[Click here](#) for more information from the Safeguarding network.



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 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.

Online Grooming

Today's Year 7 assembly focused on issues around Online Grooming.

We urge parents to discuss the issues with their child – further details can be found via the links below.

Tik Tok and Instagram in particular, can be a real risk and attract many online offenders. Included below are links to 'settings' in these APPS. All students should have setting set to PRIVATE.

- [Instagram settings](#)
- [Tik tok setting](#)

Please also ensure safety settings are appropriate on PS4 and X-box or any other gaming networks and ensure your child is only talking and communicating with people they know in person. If unsure, YouTube is again a great source of advice and videos around safe settings.

If you have any concerns, please contact school.

Online Grooming links:

[Online grooming facts and advice](#)

[Online grooming: how does it work?](#)

[NSPCC – grooming](#)

Some of the best advice on Internet Safety – [The Inege Group videos on youtube](#).





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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE RANKINGS

Week ending 24 January 2020

7AY 98.6%

8ZW 99.3%

9YW 98.5%

10XR 100%

11WS 99.2%

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

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](#)





Weekly Events

Week Commencing 27 January 2020

House Tutor Week

Year 11 Mock Exams Week 2

Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 31
	Year 8 Parents' Evening booking system closes 12pm Detention 3pm in the Main Hall	Year 8 Parents' Evening 4.30pm-7.30pm	Year 10 Business Studies - 'Made in South Leeds Challenge' Launch Event Detention 3pm in the Main Hall	Friday PSA detention 2pm - 3pm

