



Woodkirk Academy
&
The Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy

E-Newsletter

Date: 25 October 2019

Dear Parent

Children in Need Talent Show



The Children in Need Talent Show is taking place on **Friday 15 November**. Tickets, costing £4 and Merchandise, are on sale now in B20 at break time for students. We are also hosting a bake sale for the charity on **Friday 8 November** at break time. We would welcome donations of child-friendly raffle prizes and baked goods; please bring them to the Music Department.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Take 3 Parenting Course Information



Please see below details of the upcoming parenting course at Woodkirk Academy:

Website link: <http://www.take3parenting.co.uk/t3p.html>

'Take 3' has two main aims – to improve relationships between young people and their families and to improve young people's behaviour at home, at school and in their wider community

Start date: Friday 8 November 2019, then every Friday (term-time only) for 9 weeks

Time: 9.30am – 11.45am

Course Facilitators: Nikki Power, Family Support Worker, Leodis Support Service, Leanne Roberts, Manager, Leodis Support Service

Places can be reserved by telephone – 0113 8873609 or by sending an email to the following address – leodissupportservice@leodisacademiestrust.co.uk



Workshop for Children & Young People and their Parents

Free Workshops for Parents of students in Kirklees

[Click here](#) to following the link for more information on the free workshops. They cover a range of topics including:

- Learning ways that we can lift our mood and activate our behaviour
- Breathing techniques and how to relax your body
- Practical tips for managing exam anxiety
- Self-Harm Information
- Raising awareness and better understanding of Autism

ChatHealth

Over October half term Leeds Community Healthcare will be re-launching **ChatHealth**, which is a confidential texting service for 11-19 year olds to give young people direct access to expert healthcare advice and support via their mobile phone.

All young people in Leeds aged 11-19 can now receive confidential support from a 0-19 Specialist Public Health Nurse (previously known as a School Nurse), on a range of health related issues. These include: sexual health, emotional health and wellbeing, bullying, healthy eating and any other general health concerns.

ChatHealth is available Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 4.30pm, excluding bank holidays. Messages are responded to within one working day within these hours. Outside these hours, anyone sending a message to the service will receive an automated reply with advice on where to get help if their enquiry is urgent. The number for young people to text is 07520619750.

You can find out more about ChatHealth [by clicking here](#)

Self-Harm App

Leeds City Council has been working alongside the NHS in Leeds to localise the national Calm Harm app. The app has been customised for young people in Leeds (aged 12 – 25 years old), using the MindMate imagery and directing them to the MindMate website for further information and support. The Calm Harm app helps you resist or manage the urge to self-harm; it has a number of activities including breathing techniques to help reduce symptoms of stress and anxiety. For further information [click here](#).



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.



Cycling to and from School

Please [click here](#) to read a letter outlining our expectations for bicycle users from Monday 4 November 2019.





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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE RANKINGS

WEEK 8

7AR	99.3%
8ZQ	97.9%
9YV	97.4%
10XR	97.6%
11WS	98.5%

THE **BEST** ATTENDING
FORM GROUPS IN WEEK 8
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](#)

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Weekly Events

Week commencing Monday 4 November 2019

Attendance Awareness Month

Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 6	Thursday 7	Friday 8
GCSE English re-sit paper 1 Staff meeting 3pm Students are asked to check extra-curricular activities	GCSE Maths re-sit paper 1 Year 7 History Royal Armouries workshop (Periods 1 & 2) Detention 3pm in the Main Hall	National Stress Awareness Day GCSE English re-sit paper 2	GCSE Maths re-sit paper 2 Years 12 & 13 Senior Maths Challenge Detention 3pm in the Main Hall 3.15pm Student Leadership Group meeting	Student Leadership Group & School Band attending the Morley Remembrance Commemorative Event Friday PSA detention 2pm - 3pm

Sunday 10 November

Head of Sixth Form and Head Students
attending the Remembrance Service at Morley

