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Dear Parent/Carer

We have tried to put a number of items into this letter so that you do not receive multiple correspondence. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of House or Mr Hill (Assistant Headteacher) if your child is in Year 12 or 13, by calling 01902-558222 or by emailing postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk. Just a reminder, as outlined in previous letters, there is a Teacher Training Day on Monday 20th November 2023 so the school is closed to all pupils on that day.

Combined Cadet Force

Members of Bloxwich and Wednesfield Academy CCF assembled on Sunday 12th November 2023 on Bloxwich High Street to take part in the annual Remembrance parade alongside the community. They made up the contingent of Cadets, supporting 196 ATC Squadron and Bloxwich AFC. Braving the inclement weather, our cadets stood fast during the ceremony, conducting themselves with pride. Flt Lt Hall and APO Kendall are very impressed of everything as a contingent that the pupils have achieved. There was an extremely proud moment when Cadet Lal, Wednesfield Academy respectively laid a wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of both academies. Well done to all those involved!

Eligibility for Free School Meals

As per previous communications, if you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please complete the link below so that this information can be sent to the Local Authority for checking. If you already receive free school meals, you do not need to complete the form unless your circumstances have changed, and you would like us to support with you being reassessed: <https://forms.office.com/e/ZwTCyaPDHT>.

Data Collection

As you will be aware from previous communication, we are currently undertaking a data collection for all pupils in school. This is to ensure that we have the most up-to-date information for your child which will support with both communication and it is an important element of safeguarding. It is not unusual for schools to ask for details to be completed in addition to encouraging parents/carers to let us know when details change. If you have not already done so please ensure that you complete the Forms link for the year group(s) that your child/children are in using the below:

- Year 7: <https://forms.office.com/e/1rWayh0LLH>
- Year 8: <https://forms.office.com/e/A06g0JbgD3>
- Year 9: <https://forms.office.com/e/9BT8RPmMcU>
- Year 10: <https://forms.office.com/e/DtfDZY6TLP>
- Year 11: <https://forms.office.com/e/5KS6rfMiOY>
- Sixth Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/xx7v0uBYhy>



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Careers

We are keen to ensure that all pupils have access to a range of opportunities to support with their future aspirations as part of the careers programme in school. So far this year this has included assemblies and personal development sessions as well as a Year 7 and 8 visit to Aston University and a Year 10 mentoring scheme also led by Aston University.

A large proportion of our Year 11 pupils have also had access to an independent Careers Advisor interview in school.

The 22nd November 2023 will see our first Pathways Careers Event aimed at Year 10 to 13 with over 20 external exhibitors from a range of providers including Universities and colleges.

We would like to continue to grow the careers provision in school and would be interested to hear from any parents or carers who would like to get involved, whether that be delivering an assembly to a whole year group, working with a small group of pupils, or offering work experience. If you would like to be involved please complete the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/KzWvraVTsv>

Home Languages

We are proud to be a culturally diverse school and we want to ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to celebrate their differing backgrounds. As part of this we would like to be able to offer relevant pupils the opportunity to complete an additional GCSE or A-level qualification in their home language.

There are a number of pupils who are already utilising the opportunity, but we are conscious that there may be other pupils in Years 10-13 who may also appreciate the opportunity as well.

If your child can communicate confidently in reading, writing and speaking, in an additional language and would be interested in completing an additional language qualification please email postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk FAO: Home Languages. For example, some of the languages available are: Panjabi, Spanish, Italian, Urdu and Polish.

Social Media and Website

To support with communication between school and parents/carers we are actively publicising events, opportunities and examples of pupil excellence on our social media pages and our website. Our social media pages are another way that we can celebrate the pupils' work and achievements. If you do not already follow us on Instagram, Twitter (now X) and Facebook and would like to, we would encourage you do this so that you are kept up-to-date with the most recent information in school. [We are Social! - Wednesfield Academy](#)

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We are happy to launch the brand-new Wednesfield Academy website. We hope this makes communication between school, parents and pupils easier and more effective. Our website is updated on a weekly basis so please use this to stay up to date with everything going on around school. Our school letters will be uploaded onto the wednesfieldacademy.com



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Punctuality

As the temperature drops and the winter mornings begin, I want to remind you that all pupils are expected to arrive to school before 8:30am. At 8:30am the school gates will close and pupils who arrive after this time will be marked as late and will be set a detention. Pupils who are late more than three times will be placed onto a punctuality report card which is monitored by the Assistant Heads of House. As the winter gets nearer, traffic will slow down, and bus routes will take longer. Pupils should leave the house with more time to spare to ensure that they arrive to school before 8:30am each day.

Year 11

Sixth Form Open Evening

I would like to say a big thank you to all parents, carers and students who came to Sixth Form Open Evening this week. Mr Hill has sent all Year 11 students the online application form and prospectus via their email accounts this week. Deadlines for applications is **Friday 12th January 2024** but we urge you to complete this as early as possible to secure your interview date. All this information can also be found here via the website:

<https://wednesfieldacademy.com/sixth-form/>

Parents' Evening

The next Parents' Evening is for Year 11 and will take place on Wednesday 17th January 2024 (4.00pm – 7.00pm). More information will be sent communicating this with you if your child is in year 11.

Prom Update

A reminder that the Year 11 Prom will take place on Wednesday 17th July 2024 at Grand Station starting at 7.00pm and finishing at 11.30pm. It is vital parents/carers and pupils arrange transport to and from the venue prior to the event. We suggest pupils start arriving from 6.30pm. The Grand Station postcode is WV10 OBF. To attend we require a deposit payment for Prom, a £13.00 non-refundable deposit is required by Friday 24th November 2023 and final £20.00 payment will be required by Friday 3rd May 2024. To attend Prom pupils must have:

1. Met all coursework and assessment deadlines across all subjects.
2. Displayed excellent behaviour and conduct throughout all mock and real examinations.
3. Shown to have given their very best to their studies aiming to reach their targets in all subjects.

You must pay for your ticket via the WeDuc app, as we cannot accept cash from students or parents/carers. Instructions on how to do this are detailed below along with a quick set-up guide:

Paying for your prom ticket:

- I. Log in to the WeDuc app (if you have not logged in previously email postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk and the WeDuc team will send new log in details to your email).
- II. Click on the 'Offers' tab along the top.
- III. The Prom will appear in there as an option to buy a ticket.
- IV. It will show the cost of the ticket and it is your choice as to whether you pay for the whole ticket or just the deposit. You would log in at a later date before the deadline and pay for the remainder of the ticket if you initially just chose the deposit option.



Sixth Form Items

UCAS, Personal Statements and Student References

Following the conclusion of the mock examination period, students will now use form time in a morning to complete their personal statements, CVs and UCAS applications. We are aiming for students to have completed this process by Friday 24th November 2023.

Tutors and teachers will also be writing students a personal reference which will cover attendance, punctuality, effort and approach to learning. Students will also be given the opportunity to share with tutors what extra-curricular activities they are involved with in order to personalise their reference and help them boost their opportunities of accessing their next steps in education/careers.

Parents' Evening

The Year 13 Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 31st January 2024 (4.00pm – 7.00pm).

Year 13 Prom Update

A reminder the Year 13 Prom will take place on Thursday 11th July 2024 at Grand Station starting at 7.00pm and finishing at 11.30pm.

It is vital parents/carers and students arrange transport to and from the venue prior to the event. We suggest pupils starting arriving from 6.45pm. The Grand Station postcode is WV10 OBF. To attend we require a deposit payment for Prom, a £13 non-refundable deposit is required by Friday 24th November 2023 and final £20 payment will be required by Friday 3rd May 2024.

In order to be able attend Prom, students must have:

1. Met all coursework and assessment deadlines across all subjects.
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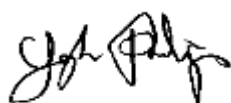
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Yours faithfully



Mr Phillips
Headteacher

