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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope all pupils had an enjoyable half term and Year 11 and 13 pupils feel prepared for the mocks they are currently sitting. This letter provides updates on Wednesfield Academy's next Music, Art, Drama and Dance (MADD) Evening, calendar dates, how to follow the school on social media, GCSE Pod and Year 11 Destinations Survey.

### MADD Evening

Following on from the success of our first MADD Evening in the autumn term, where Wednesfield pupils demonstrated their exceptional talent, we will be organising a summer performance on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

Hopefully this will be able to take place outside to provide a real summer concert experience, but this will depend on the English weather which is increasingly unpredictable! Whether inside or outside it will still be a fantastic event for all involved.

If pupils are interested in performing, then please can they inform Miss K Jones (Director of Performing Arts) and preparations will start after the Little Shop of Horrors musical (that we are equally as excited about).

### Calendar date reminders https://wednesfieldacademy.com/calendar/

As outlined in previous correspondence on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024, there has been a change of date to the moderation afternoon which will be on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. School will close to pupils after period 3 to allow staff to complete essential moderation of the Year 11 and 13 mock examinations. Lessons will run as normal from period 1 – 3 on the Wednesday, and there will be a short form period before pupils are dismissed at 12.40pm.

School will be open as normal on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**, following Wednesday's early closure.

The Revision Evening will take place on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024** as previously mentioned, and it will be great to see as many parents there as possible. It is especially relevant for Year 11 and 13, but all parents are welcome, particularly those with children in Year 10 and 12. If you are arriving by car, parents are able to park on the main school car park and enter the school via the staff entrance. Doors will open at 4.20pm, and there will be presentations at 4.30pm and 5.15pm on how to best help your child revise.

The Year 8 Online Parents' Evening is taking place this **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024** from 4.00pm until 7.00pm. If on the evening you are experiencing any technical difficulties, please email postbox and we will be in contact with you to try and resolve the issue.

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## Wednesfield Academy Social Media

Wednesfield Academy regularly upload information and celebrate pupil success on our social media platforms below. It is great to see so many parents following us, and we encourage all parents to do so if they use social media.

Facebook: <u>https://bit.ly/3pV9Fhm</u> Twitter: <u>https://bit.ly/43tYv0J</u> Instagram: <u>https://bit.ly/30mrbEP</u>

## ClassCharts - Pupil accounts

Wednesfield Academy is going to trial pupils having ClassCharts accounts, so they can view the homework their teachers set and their attendance. Pupils will be given their account login, and when outside of school they can download the ClassCharts app and get set-up. If they have any queries they are to speak to Mr David (Tamworth Head of House).

This will not replace pupil planners as these are an important expectation in school to promote the pupils' organisation and independence.

# **Communication**

Thank you again to parents for the ongoing communication through house offices, the Sixth Form office and postbox. It is incredibly helpful and much appreciated. We have increased our social media presence over the past year as outlined above and are writing more to parents than before (to see previous letters they are uploaded to our website - <u>School Letters - Wednesfield</u> <u>Academy</u>). The school newsletter now contains much more information and is half termly (please see the most recent edition on the following link -

<u>https://sway.cloud.microsoft/MY2bPKTAhh91Q0hb?ref=Link).</u> If you would like the school to celebrate your child's achievements outside of school, that we may not know about, then please do let us know.

Please email postbox if there is any information you would like more communication on.

# GCSE Pod - Year 10-11

Wednesfield Academy has a subscription for all Key Stage 4 pupils to GCSE pod. This website can be found on <u>www.gcsepod.co.uk</u>

To login and use this for revision purposes, all pupils need to do is type their first and last name in together as their username. All pupils' passwords have been pre-set to Password123.

For example, if a pupil's name is John Brown Username: johnbrown Password: Password123

Once a pupil has logged in, they will be asked to automatically change their password.

GCSEPod is proven to help pupils achieve one grade higher on average than non-users, across 30+ GCSE subjects and all examination boards. It is used by over 1700 schools across the country, so it is a valuable resource.

### Year 11 Careers Destination

All Year 11 pupils will have received the below link via ClassCharts regarding their intended post-16 destination and they must complete by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024:

https://forms.office.com/e/h1DDYRsXj9



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This information is vital for all pupils, including those who have applied for Wednesfield Academy Sixth Form, to ensure that all students who intended to apply have done so. It is vital so that the school is aware if your child is applying for outside of Wednesfield Academy.

If your child needs support with any application, please do not hesitate to contact their Head of House by calling01902-558222 or emailing <a href="mailto:postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk">postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk</a>.

# Easter Revision Sessions - Year 11

In 2023 the Easter revision session programme was increased to include nearly all subjects. This year the programme is even more comprehensive, and we hope to see as many pupils as possible. Please see the attached for the full list of the sessions and when they are.

If parents want more information on any other aspect of the school not covered by the above, please do not hesitate to let us know, ideally by emailing the postbox address.

Yours faithfully

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