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5th February 2024



Dear Parent/Carer

This letter provides you with an update on the Year 11 Mock Examination Breakfast Club, the Wolverhampton Youth Parliament, attendance and punctuality, vaccinations in Wolverhampton and the sixth form Auschwitz visit. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of House or the Sixth Form office by calling 01902 558222 or emailing postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk.

Year 11 Mock Examination Breakfast Club

In order to support Year 11 pupils, once the mock examinations begin on Thursday 8th February 2024, we will be offering a Breakfast Revision Club in S015. Year 11 pupils will be able to join staff in the food technology room from 8.00am until 8.30am every morning during the mock examination period. They can help themselves to some breakfast including toast, cereal, breakfast bars, tea and squash as well as being able to revise in a quieter and smaller revision space in preparation for their mocks.

Youth MP Voting

Each secondary school in the city has been given their own digital ballot paper to share with pupils and I am sharing Wednesfield Academy's with you. We are lucky enough to have our own Japjot Ghotra in Year 9 running to be Youth MP for Wolverhampton. Japjot is already a youth councillor in the city. The online ballot process includes video statements from each of the six candidates standing for Youth MP.

Please encourage your child to vote. To view the candidate's statements please go to <https://www.yowolves.co.uk/wolverhampton-youth-mp-elections>.

Each young person will have two votes and it's important that they vote for two separate candidates as voting for the same person twice on a ballot paper will be considered as a void ballot.

The Wednesfield Academy link is here <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/gnu9N2JOSK>. Let's get behind Japjot to represent the views of Wednesfield Academy pupils on a wider scale.

Attendance and Punctuality

I am pleased to report that pupil attendance at Wednesfield is continuing to improve and want to thank all parents who continue to communicate any medical appointments with the school. The week before Christmas our whole school attendance was above national average, and we are reporting weekly to the Department of Education that the whole school attendance is over 90%. This is a result of the hard work of parents getting their children to school each day.



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We have seen a very small increase of pupils who arrive to school after 8:30am. I want to take this opportunity to remind parents that the school gates open at 8:00am where pupils can sit down and get breakfast. We also have a before school sports club which starts at 7:30am and the library is open from 8:00am.

Pupils who arrive to school after 8:30am are recorded as late and receive a break time detention. Pupils miss vital information when they are late which impacts on their overall progress. If a pupil arrives after the registers close (U code) then this affects their overall attendance and attendance certificates are often requested by colleges and future employers. We have a small number of pupils whose attendance is below 80% despite them being in school each day and this is because they arrive to school after the registers close. I want to make parents aware that pupils who are regularly late to school may receive attendance letters which can be used for Local Authority prosecution.

From Monday 19th February 2024, if your child is late to school, you will receive an email and notification through WeDuc informing you of your child's late mark. If you know in advance that your child is going to be late to school please inform the school of the reason.

Should your child not be in school for consecutive school days we have a duty as a school to arrange for Mrs Haynes (Family Liaison Officer) to conduct a Keeping in Touch (KIT) visit. Visits are continued regularly until the pupil returns from school and are there as a supportive measure. If a pupil has not been seen on a visit, we have a legal duty to inform the Police and Children's Services on the 9th day of absence. Therefore, if your child is absent from school, it is vital that your child speaks with Mrs Haynes or Mrs Buka (Education Welfare Officer for Wolverhampton Local Authority) when they visit the home.

If there is a reason that your child must be absent from school, please ensure that you call their House Office or email postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk so that this can be recorded. Medical evidence is required for your child's absence to be authorised should their attendance be below 90%. You can find our Attendance and Punctuality Guide on the school website under 'Pupil Life' (wednesfieldacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Attendance-and-Punctuality-Guide.pdf). The school's Attendance Policy can also be found on the school website: [Policies - Wednesfield Academy](#).

Finally, you can track your child's attendance and punctuality on the Class Charts app. Please be mindful this has a 24-hour delay for their attendance marks being uploaded, but all information is recorded on there for you to see.

If there is anything we can do to support your child getting to school on time every day, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Message from Wolverhampton Local Authority – please do not contact the school regarding this, as it is a message from the Local Authority that we have been asked to share.

Increase in measles cases across the West Midlands and MMR catch up clinics. In response to the increasing number of measles cases across the Black Country, MMR vaccination clinics are available during half term for school aged children and adults who have missed a dose.

The clinics will be staffed by healthcare professionals from the NHS and Vaccination UK who specialise in childhood vaccinations and follow all necessary safety protocols. Children will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian at the clinics. Where possible, please pre-book an appointment slot by calling 01902 200077 but walk-ins will also be accepted. Porcine free vaccinations are available on request (please book ahead).



- Date: Monday 12 February 2024
- Time: 9:00am – 2:30pm
- Venue: Bilston Market, Pinfold Street, Bilston, WV14 0DN
- Date: Wednesday 14 February 2024
- Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Venue: Low Hill Family Hub, 26-28 Fourth Avenue, Low Hill, Wolverhampton, WV10 9LZ

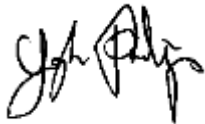
More details can be found on the Black Country ICB website, including information on other clinics across the Black Country.

Holocaust Memorial Trust Visit

Five of our fantastic sixth formers will be visiting Auschwitz for a trip funded by the Holocaust Memorial Trust and Wednesfield Academy. The pupils will be delivering assemblies afterwards to the younger years on their experience. It will be of benefit to the school as a whole.

Wednesfield Academy are very grateful to the pupils who will be travelling to and from Poland on a challenging but highly informative, productive day.

Yours faithfully



Mr Phillips
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