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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope all pupils have had an enjoyable half term, and Year 11 and 13 have used it to rest and continue the final stages of their revision. This letter provides updates on uniform donations, Year 10 and 12 mock examinations, extra-curricular, Mensa testing, careers guidance, the newsletter and calendar dates.

### Uniform Donations

As the Year 11 pupils approach the end of their school year and complete their GCSE examinations, we would like to ask pupils and parents to support our wider school community. With no further need for school uniform and their PE kit (if they do not have younger siblings), donations of such items would be gratefully received, to use to help other pupils/parents, such as when their child has mislaid their items. Year 11 pupils can make donations of their PE kit, providing any re-usable items to reception. Any kind donations of uniform should happen after their last examination has finished, as all pupils must be in the correct school attire when in school. Thank you in advance for your support!

### Year 10 and 12 Mock Examinations (the below paragraph also contains useful information for other year groups on revision)

As the Year 11 GCSE examinations are less than one month from finishing, we will be turning to the Year 10 and 12 mock examinations. Below is some key advice on how Year 10 and 12 should prepare for their examinations:

**Environment** - Ensure you are in a productive and suitable setting. It is always best to study away from your bed; studying on your bed means your brain will associate your bed as a working station, which will later affect the amount and the quality of sleep you are going to receive. It is also vital that you do not use your phone to revise as it will provide a distraction throughout, making the revision less purposeful. De-cluttering your desk or table is also important to ensure you are concentrating on the revision material.

**Health** - Have a water bottle next to you for hydration. Ideally, you should be drinking around two litres of water a day. It is really important that it is water, or at least squash, as energy drinks cause caffeine and sugar highs and lows, which does not lead to consistent revision. By drinking water, it improves your memory, attention, and ability to retain and recall information. In addition, you could incorporate "brain boosting foods" into your diet; this includes things such as eggs, nuts, avocados, berries, bananas, and turmeric.

**Prepare revision resources** - Revision must be meaningful, the best way to do this is by creating revision materials, which you will be able to use later for examinations, for example creating quiz flashcards, where you have a question on one side and the answer in a different colour on the other. Other useful revision techniques can include past papers and mind maps. Bear in mind a revision technique for one examination may not work for another, so it is important to trial various techniques. It is vital though that you do not spend the whole time preparing the



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resources, but the majority is used for the revision itself, whether that be answering past papers and checking against the mark scheme, or writing from memory key points on different topics.

**Spacing revision** - Revision is not cramming information into your brain at once; it should be spaced and gradual. It should be fit around your current hobbies, even approximately two hours x three times a week is enough revision to prepare your revision resources and then use them for your examinations. Keeping to your usual hobbies is key, as this allows you to de-stress from revision and clear your mind.

### **Extra-curricular Opportunities**

At Wednesfield Academy we offer an array of extra-curricular clubs for pupils to get involved with ranging from drama club, to band practice, to rugby and many more. Please see the attachment for the details for these clubs and encourage your child to get involved with them.

### **Mensa Testing**

For the first time at Wednesfield Academy, we are going to be complete Mensa test with selected pupils in each year group. If your child has been selected you will have received a push notification. If this applies to your child and you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Gray (Assistant Headteacher).

### **Parent/Carer Careers Advice Team**

If you are a parent or carer and you could support our careers programme we would love to hear from you. We have a number of events throughout the year where we ask local employers to support us. If you could spare your time to volunteer as part of our Parent/Carer Careers Advice Team it would be of great benefit to the pupils. You can decide what you wish to get involved in. It could be talking to our pupils about your career as part of our assemblies or getting involved in smaller group workshops. If you would like to get involved, please email [postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk](mailto:postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk) or complete the brief survey on the link <https://forms.office.com/e/KzWvraVTsv> .

### **Careers Guidance Pupil Website**

We are also excited to launch our brand-new Careers Guidance Pupil website. Pupils need to be prepared for the evolving working world and so, at the heart of our Careers Programme, is a focus on building up essential lifelong employability skills. Please visit our new website to access a wealth of careers guidance, designed to support both pupils and parents.

With our brand-new resources, you can:

- Choose a subject you love and see where it might lead
- Explore your options for when you leave school
- Gain valuable advice on applying to university, apprenticeships and jobs
- Practice your interview skills
- Discover alternative options like gap years or starting your own business.

Visit <https://matrixcareersguide.co.uk/> for more information.

### **Newsletter**

Please let us know if you would like your child to feature in the next school newsletter. We love to celebrate our pupils' success both inside and outside of school. To see the last half term's newsletter, please click on the following link-

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/NHw4who28Jnti6Qa?ref=Link>



## Calendar

Please click on the following link for the school calendar - [Calendar - Wednesfield Academy](#). The last day for this half term is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and it will be a normal finish time of 3.00pm. Please be aware that the Autumn term 2024-25 will start for Year 7 and 12 (along with Year 11 Prefects who will help assist the Year 7 pupils) on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024, and for all other year groups on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Thank you all for your ongoing support. Just a reminder that we will be showing the European Championship Men's game between England and Denmark on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 5.00pm in school if any pupils want to watch it. It will be £1 entry and the money raised will go to the Wednesfield Friends group to help fund other events in school.

If you have any queries regarding this letter, or any other matter, please contact the school by calling 01902 558 222 or by emailing postbox. There will no longer be the temporary school telephone number, as hopefully the main line will work each time from now as the previous company has completed all the porting needed. I want to apologise on behalf of the school for difficulties with the telephone lines, as I understand parents' frustrations. If there are any further issues please do email postbox immediately and they will be looked into.

Yours faithfully



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