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4th November 2024



Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you had a good half term and this letter finds you well. We are very proud of our year 10 football team who went on tour to Porto, Portugal last week. They were a credit to the school both in their performances on the pitch and conduct throughout. Well done boys! We are also delighted to announce that we have two more pupils who have qualified to be part of Mensa, after taking the examination in school. Jacob Phillips and Ronny Singh, both in year 12, are now part of the society which accepts individuals with an IQ in the top 2% of the world population.

Sixth Form Open Evening (Sixth Form Open Evening 2024 - Wednesfield Academy)

As advertised on our social media and school website, it is our Sixth Form Open Evening this Tuesday 5th November 2024 from 5.00-7.00pm. All year 11 pupils were given advanced notice of the date and we hope to see as many of them there as possible. The evening is also open to our younger pupils, especially those in year 10, as we know many of them will be considering their post-16 pathway. Talks will be held on the evening at 5.10pm, 5.50pm and 6.30pm, and there will be stands for all subject areas. Please enter the building through the reception entrance and our staff and the sixth form leadership team will guide you to the part of the building the evening is being held in.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch by contacting Mrs Gwatkin (Head of Sixth Form) by emailing <u>postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk</u> or calling on 01902 558222. For further information please visit our website <u>https://wednesfieldacademy.com/sixth-form/</u>.

Armistice Day

This Friday 8th November 2024 we will be commemorating Armistice Day at Wednesfield Academy. There will be the opportunity for pupils to buy a Poppy, but if they would like to wear one from home then this is obviously encouraged also. We would ask that on the day pupils do not wear any other badges, other than any official school badges, to show respect to those who lost their lives on active service, from the beginning of the First World War right up to present day. We will be observing a minute's silence on the day and our Combined Cadet Force will be a central part to honouring those who served our country.

Social Media

As outlined in previous letters, we encourage all parents to closely monitor their child's activity online. Unfortunately, children today can be exposed to individuals without good intentions on a range of platforms, including SnapChat, Instagram and TikTok. We state this not to scare parents, and I know many will already be aware, but because we have seen examples of this and we want to ensure that our pupils are kept safe.

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It is also vital to remind all pupils that when they post content online it leaves a virtual footprint, and as a school we will take it very seriously if there are unpleasant comments made about their peers or staff. I would like to thank a number of parents who have contacted the school to alert us to concerns, and please do contact your child's Head of House or Sixth Form Office if you have any queries.

Please find more information in our online safety guides on the following link - <u>https://wednesfieldacademy.com/online-safety/</u>.

Finally, we are delighted with Wednesfield Academy pupils' fantastic achievements this half term, which can be found in our newsletter (<u>https://sway.cloud.microsoft/JfenD2E8hiqaNstH?ref=Link</u>). If you need to contact the school regarding any of the above topics, or any other matter, please call 01902 558222 or email postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

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