

Our Ref: JP/JAS

6th March 2025



Dear Parent/Carer

This letter contains a number of updates on a range of matters and if you have any queries please contact your child's Head of House or the Sixth Form office by calling 01902-558222 or emailing postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk. If you are emailing the school, it is vital that you include your child's form group to ensure that the message can get to the relevant member of staff as quickly as possible.

As you will be aware from the recent letter sent to parents on behalf of Ofsted, Wednesfield Academy received an Ofsted inspection last week and we will send the written report to parents as soon as we have received the official final copy.

Parent Forum

We really value the views of parents and carers, and we are continuing to seek to appoint members to the Parent Advisory Forum at Wednesfield Academy. The Parent Advisory Forum is vital to the success of the school and is an opportunity for parents to help develop practices which will benefit all pupils. Our Forum members have an important role to fulfil, which will directly affect the education and wellbeing of children and improve standards at Wednesfield Academy.

As part of the Forum, you will:

- Consider parent and community engagement within the school
- Increase parent and community engagement between the school and Trustees
- Contribute to school improvement
- Provide advice to Trustees
- Report through the Headteacher to the Board of Trustees
- Be required to attend a minimum of three meetings per academic year
- Make a difference to Wednesfield Academy.

If you are a parent or carer of a child at Wednesfield Academy and are interested in joining the Parent Advisory Forum, then please send your name, contact details and the name of your child or children and their form to postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk.

Wednesfield Academy Alumni

As part of our amazing careers provision, we are proud to be able to invite our ex-pupils back to the academy to talk to current pupils about their journey since leaving Wednesfield Academy. Hearing from our alumni is an excellent way of increasing aspirations and to show current pupils how anything is possible with hard work and resilience. We would like to widen this provision even further and we are aware that several parents/carers are also ex-pupils. If you studied at Wednesfield Academy, whether you left in Year 11 or 13, we would love to hear from you. Please complete the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/9sqBODgtSR> to join our alumni.



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If you are a parent/carer that attended a different school but would like to support our careers programme in school, please complete this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/KzWvraVTsv>.

Rewards

We have received positive feedback from pupils regarding our rewards system, with many pupils contributing ideas to help us make it even better. This year, we introduced chevron badges for reaching positive point thresholds, which has been a popular addition amongst pupils.

At the end of this academic year, these badges will be collected and replaced with a new badge that represents the level each pupil has achieved. The chevron badge collection will then restart for the next academic year. The specific date for the badge hand-in will be communicated to pupils during the summer term. If you as a parent, have any ideas to improve or promote our growing rewards system, it would be great to hear from you at postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk.

Expectations

At Wednesfield Academy, we are extremely proud of how our pupils conduct themselves. We maintain a firm approach when it comes to non-compliance. It is important that all pupils adhere to our expectations and follow instructions from staff. Pupils who refuse to follow instructions will receive a serious consequence and will need to reflect on their choices as it wastes staff time and pupil learning.

As a school, we want to ensure that staff can focus on supporting the majority of pupils and not spend valuable time addressing the poor choices of a minority.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind both pupils and parents of our uniform expectations, particularly regarding hair colour, eyelashes, and false nails. You can find the full details on this page on our website here <https://wednesfieldacademy.com/uniform>.

WeDuc Payments

We will soon be changing our payments provider within the **ReachMoreParents** app. This is a forced change, and not one decided by the school, as our existing payment provider will cease operations on 14th March 2025. Rest assured, we are transitioning to a new payment provider to minimise disruption to payments for clubs, trips, meals, and other school activities. For now, please continue using the current system as normal via the **ReachMoreParents** app.

We are pleased to confirm that our new payment provider will be **ParentPay**, the leading provider of school payment solutions in the UK. Once we have a confirmed go-live date, we will share further details, including any actions required regarding existing credit balances.

Wednesfield Friends – Wednesfest – Thursday 3rd April 2025

Wednesfield Friends, our parent fundraising group who do so much for the school, are hosting our very own 'Wednesfest' for our Year 9 and 10 pupils. The event will take place on Thursday 3rd April 2025 between 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Tickets will be £2.00 and we will be on sale each morning week commencing Monday 10th March 2025 from 8.00am in our dining room. During the event, there will be food, drinks and festival accessories available for purchase. We hope to see as many of our pupils as possible.

SEND

Pupils with Special Educational Needs have the same curriculum as everyone else but with additional support so they can be successful, resilient and confident learners. With the aim of supporting parents of SEND pupils and improving communication we are in the progress of developing a SEND tab on our website. If you have any idea of what information you would like on the website, please contact our SENCO. The **SENCO's** name is Ms Williams and can be contacted at postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk or by calling 01902-558222. This year we



have also employed a SEND administrator, Miss Siwec, a role that did not exist in the school before, so that parents can speak to a member of the SEND department if Ms Williams is teaching.

Our Curriculum - What Pupils are Learning?

You can build a better understanding of what pupils are learning by looking at our subject curriculum overviews on the website. Overviews includes links to website which can support independent learning at home - <https://wednesfieldacademy.com/curriculum/>. If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of House or the Sixth Form office.

Attendance

We again celebrate the increasing attendance at Wednesfield Academy. For another half term Wednesfield Academy's attendance is above national average for secondary schools in England. This is down to the resilience of pupils and support of parents and carers. We want to remind parents and carers that requests for time off due to holidays, family weddings and trips abroad will not be authorised for any reason. Missed learning through absence has a huge impact on pupil progress.

We wrote to you in September explaining the Government's change to Fixed Penalty Notices. Wolverhampton Local Authority informed us last week that one Wednesfield Academy family were fined £744.00, a second family fined £741.00, and a third family fined £433.00. We do not want families to be under financial pressure, so we ask you to seriously reconsider if you plan a leave of absence for your child during term time.

Year 11 and 13 Updates

Period 6 and Intervention Programme

With Year 11 and Year 13 mock examinations having started on Monday 3rd March 2025, all morning and afternoon interventions such as Period 6 will now take a short break to enable pupils to focus on their mock examinations and for staff to mark examination papers. We will communicate further updates with you about Period 6 and the interventions on offer once mock examinations finish in a few weeks' time.

Easter Holiday Sessions

In order to give Year 11 and 13 parents advanced notice, the school will be open during the Easter holidays and sessions will be put on by our dedicated teachers. Pupil attendance of those invited to the sessions is pivotal in ensuring success in their examinations this summer. The dates of the individual sessions will be communicated with you over the next couple of weeks, but will include Maths, English, Science and a number of other subjects. The school will be closed on the Bank Holidays (Friday 18th and Monday 21st April 2025).

Prom Update

A reminder to all Year 11 parents that the Year 11 Prom will take place on Wednesday 16th July 2025, and it will now be held at Molineux Stadium starting at 6.30pm and finishing at 11.00pm. The final payments for Prom must be made by Friday 7th March 2025. I must emphasise, this is a non-refundable payment and to be able attend Prom pupils must have:

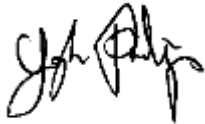
- Met all coursework and assessment deadlines across all subjects
- Displayed excellent behaviour and conduct throughout all mock and real examinations
- Shown to have given their very best to their studies, aiming to reach their targets in all subjects
- If a child is suspended or on placement during Year 11 this will put their place at risk.



Finally, if your child is entitled to free school meals you are also entitled to support with Prom payments, please just contact the school via postbox. If you have already done this, then you do not need to email again.

We are excited to be able to help the pupils enjoy and remember their time with us, if you have any questions regarding Prom, please call us on 01902 558222 and ask to speak to Mr Hill (Assistant Headteacher) or email via postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk.

Yours faithfully



Mr Phillips
Headteacher

Remember to follow us on social media.

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