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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope this letter finds you well. We would like to update you on a few key areas and thank you for your ongoing support.

High School Musical

We are delighted to invite you to Wednesfield Academy's upcoming production of *High School Musical*. This exciting show highlights the incredible talent, dedication, and hard work of our pupils, and we would love for as many members of our school community as possible to join us in celebrating their achievements. The production will run for three consecutive nights at **6:00pm** here at **Wednesfield Academy** on **Tuesday 8th April, Wednesday 9th April and Thursday 10th April 2025**. Tickets are available via **ParentPay**, priced at **£8.00 per ticket** or **£6.00 for concessions** (under 16s and 65+). Our pupils have put in tremendous effort to bring this show to life, and your support would mean the world to them. We are also running a friendly competition to see which pupil can sell the most tickets, so please encourage family and friends to attend what promises to be an unforgettable performance!

Attendance Updates

Again, we share the news that attendance is a strength at Wednesfield Academy. We continue to sit above national average for secondary schools in the UK and this year's current attendance is 92.8%. We continue to move towards our target of 95% and thank all pupils, parents and carers for the hard work and resilience pupils are showing each day by attending school. We want to remind you that if your child is too unwell to come to school you can now report this absence on the WeDuc (Matrix) app. This makes the reporting of pupil absence easier and quicker for parents/carers and school staff. You must report your child's absence every day they are absent not just on the first day.

It is always our aim to work in partnership with families and we offer a wide range of support in school through our pupil service's referral system. It is also our legal duty to inform the Local Authority of poor attendance. The law states that it is 'a parent's legal responsibility to ensure their child receives a full-time education'. Where we feel this legal duty of parents is not being met, we have little option but to refer this to the Local Authority for legal action. Last week, the Local Authority informed Wednesfield Academy that a family had received a Single Justice Procedure in court for a fine of £1,006.00. We will always look for a way to avoid this however it is imperative that parents and carers work with the school by attending all meetings and ensure their child attends school daily and on time.



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Finally, as well as our termly raffle draw for the chance to win up to £50.00 Amazon vouchers and a £25.00 Sainsbury's food voucher, to end the term with an even bigger celebration we are delighted to share that over 300 pupils who have excellent attendance (98%+) will receive a ticket for our termly attendance reward. This term we have a number of special guests arriving who go by the names of 'Suzi the snake' and 'Linda the lizard' and their friends! Keep an eye out for more information at the very end of term. Additionally, ANY pupil (despite their previous attendance percentage) that attends school every day from Monday 31st March 2025 - Thursday 10th April 2025 will receive a small chocolatey reward to end a great spring term!

Auschwitz/Turing

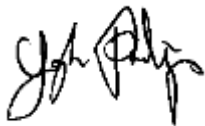
Thank you to the sixth formers who delivered assemblies to the lower school following a visit to Auschwitz. They have shown great pride through each assembly, and pupils have been humbled by their experience. Well done also to all the pupils from year 12 who have visited Morocco on the Turing trip, they integrated so well with many of the other schools and were exemplary throughout their visit, learning many different parts of the culture but also gaining an experience of a life time.

Parent Pay

You may have seen in the news that Squid are being taken to court by a number of schools/academy chains. Their behaviour has been abhorrent and we are also taking further action. Please rest assured you will receive a refund for any money that you are owed as a result of the £10.00 fee that Squid charged for reimbursements, but it will take Matrix Academy Trust a couple of weeks to process this. Thank you for your ongoing patience as we have transferred to the new payment system. Should you experience any issues please do not hesitate to email postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk.

Thank you as always.

Yours faithfully



Mr Phillips
Headteacher



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