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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that you all had a very happy Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming all pupils back for the start of a new exciting term. This letter contains important information regarding the school calendar, upcoming examinations, holidays during term time, and some reminders for this term.

School Calendar

The school calendar for the remainder of the academic year, can be found on our website via this link: [Calendar - Wednesfield Academy](#). Please note that the final day for pupils this academic year is Friday 18th July 2025, and this will be a full school day, with dismissal at the usual time of 3.00pm. We also wish to remind you that Monday 5th May 2025 is a national Bank Holiday, and therefore school will be closed to pupils on this date.

Upcoming Examinations

We would like to draw your attention to the policy regarding non-attendance at GCSE, BTEC, and A-Level examinations. Parents will be charged for any examinations that their child does not attend without a valid reason. While the charge is typically £50.00, it can be higher depending on the examination board. More significantly, missing an examination can have a serious detrimental effect on a student's final grade.

It is vital that all Year 11 and Year 13 pupils maintain full attendance each day until they leave for their examinations. This crucial period involves essential preparation and support to ensure they are as successful as possible. Further details regarding examination timetables and important information can be found on our website: [Exams - Wednesfield Academy](#).

Holidays During Term Time

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to parents for your ongoing support in our efforts to improve pupil attendance. We are pleased to report that our attendance is now above the national average, and your co-operation has been instrumental in achieving this. We must reiterate that taking pupils on holiday during term time has a significant impact on their learning, and therefore, such absences will not be authorised.

You can find more detailed information in our Attendance and Punctuality Guide: [Attendance and Punctuality Guide](#) and our Attendance Policy: [Policies - Wednesfield Academy](#). While the cost of holidays may be lower during term time, the educational loss for your child far outweighs any financial savings. Further information on this matter can be found on the Government's education blog: <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>



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Finally, we urge parents to be honest with the school if a child is taken on holiday during term time. Unfortunately, instances where false information has been provided have inadvertently created unnecessary safeguarding concerns, which diverts valuable school staff time away from those who genuinely need support.

Last Newsletter

For any parents who may have missed our last newsletter, which was sent via push notification, you can access it here: <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/Ua9nMWbquyH7tBVS?ref=Link&loc=play>. We continue to be incredibly proud of the achievements of all our pupils. If your child has an achievement outside of school that we are not aware of, and you would like the school to feature them in the next newsletter, then please inform your child's Head of House or the Sixth Form Office.

Warmer Weather

As we move into the summer term, we anticipate warmer weather. For this week, commencing Monday 28th April 2025, pupils will not be required to wear their blazers due to the expected higher temperatures, although they are welcome to do so if they wish. Please note that jumpers are not to be worn, as they are considered an addition to the blazer during the Autumn and Spring terms, not a substitute. Our full Uniform Policy can be found here: [Uniform - Wednesfield Academy](#).

Please ensure your child brings a bottle of water to school each day, or a bottle they can refill at our water fountains.

Energy Drinks

At Wednesfield Academy, we are committed to ensuring the health and wellbeing of all our pupils. As part of our ongoing efforts to create a positive and safe learning environment, we would like to remind everyone of the school rules regarding energy drinks.

Energy drinks, such as Red Bull and Monster as well as shops own brand versions are not permitted on school grounds. This decision has been made in response to growing concerns about the negative impact these drinks can have on the health and wellbeing of young people. Energy drinks typically contain high levels of caffeine and sugar, which can lead to a range of health issues, including:

- **Dehydration** – The high caffeine content can lead to dehydration, which can affect concentration and overall well-being.
- **Sleep Disruption** – Caffeine, particularly in high doses, can interfere with sleep patterns, leading to tiredness and difficulty concentrating during lessons.
- **Increased Heart Rate** – Excessive consumption of caffeine can lead to rapid heart rate and anxiety, which is particularly concerning for young people whose bodies are still developing.
- **Poor Diet Choices** – High sugar content in energy drinks contributes to unhealthy eating habits and can lead to weight gain and other related health problems.

We ask that all pupils comply with this policy unless they have a medical condition which we have received evidence for such as diabetes. If any pupil is found with an energy drink on school grounds, the drink will be confiscated and disposed of immediately. This is in place to protect the health of our pupils and to ensure that they can focus and thrive in their studies.



We appreciate your co-operation in supporting our commitment to pupil health and well-being. Please also find our extra-curricular opportunities on this weblink, which include a number of physical exercise opportunities; <https://wednesfieldacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Extra-Curricular-Wednesfield-Academy-2-1.pdf>.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of House, on 01902 558222 or via email at postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Phillips
Headteacher

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