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- Tuesday 12th March - Character Development Morning (P1 and 2).
- Friday 15th March - Non Uniform Day (Red Nose Day).
- Thursday 21st March - DTP and Meningitis Vaccine - Year 9.

IMPORTANT

Mobile Phone Reassertion



A polite reminder regarding mobile phones: **There will be zero tolerance regarding mobile phones in school. Phones should not be seen or heard at all within the school gates.**



This includes: at any time in the day including before and after school, anywhere on the school grounds/within the school gates, something we have described as phones not being allowed to be seen or heard anywhere from "gate to gate". We encourage students to hand phones in during PE, but if the phone is turned on it will be confiscated. Phones confiscated will be returned after school via Mr Morley, but if it is repeatedly seen or heard and therefore confiscated, parents/carers may need to collect the phone.



Kids Athletic Camp – 25th and 26th March at Halesowen Athletic and Cycling Club

Halesowen Athletic and Cycling Club are hosting two days of athletic events and games for children (8-14) in the Easter holidays. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information.



Non Uniform Day, Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March

On Friday 15th March we will be supporting Comic Relief. Students can donate £1.00 and wear non-uniform on this day. Clothing should be suitable and appropriate for decency and the weather.

Those students who have PE on Friday will still need to bring their PE kit to school. Please hand money to your form tutor during AM registration on Friday 15th March.



IMPORTANT

Reminder: Lunch Accounts



Can you please ensure that you regularly check your child's lunch account online to ensure that they do not have a negative balance. Accounts can be topped up via parentmail or by sending in enough money with your child. While we never wish to refuse a student food at lunchtime we cannot allow them to overspend on their accounts.

Please be aware that Year 11 students will not be allowed to enter a negative balance once we return from the Easter holidays and any monies owing on their account will need to be cleared prior to the holiday. If you wish to receive a copy of your child's lunch account, which shows what they have purchased and the amount spent, please contact Mrs Thompson, Pastoral Secretary who can arrange for this to be made available to you.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty in what are challenging times, please contact your child's Head of House and we will explore suitable support.

Special points of interest:

- **PTA** – for information about joining, contact Mr A. Buckley on 0121 550 1452
- **Lost Property** is kept for two weeks. Students are notified of items via the daily message sheet.

Ramadan Mubarak

May the moon brighten your journey and fill this time with peace and blessings during the Holy Month.



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Label Uniform and Equipment



A polite reminder to please ensure uniform (including PE kit) and any items brought into school have your child's name on.



This is to help keep lost property to a minimum and ensure any lost items are returned to their owner quickly.

Dudley Holiday Activities



With only four weeks until the Easter holidays, Dudley Council are running a government funded programme called the Holiday Activity and Food Programme that offers free activities during the school holidays for children aged 5 - 16 who receive free school meals.

You're eligible to register for the holiday activities programme (HAF) if the following applies: You live in Dudley or your child goes to school in the Dudley Borough, your child is aged between 5 and 16 years and your child is eligible for benefits related free school meals (FSM).

Children not eligible for free school meals may still be able to register for HAF activities but please make sure you read this part of the website:

<https://www.dudleyholidayactivities.org.uk/non-free-school-meals> before you apply.

They have over 60 providers for Easter with a vast range of activities, but families must be registered to book. For more information please see the flyer attached to this newsletter or visit:

<https://www.dudleyholidayactivities.org.uk>

ASPIRE Portfolio (Year 7 to 11 Students)



All students in Years 7 to 11 have an ASPIRE Portfolio on their iPads. The ASPIRE Portfolio is their digital record of how and when they are demonstrating each of the ASPIRE Character virtues and Learner Skills, as they work towards one day achieving their ASPIRE sentence.

Character virtues can include: being creative, respectful, compassionate, or resilient. Whilst learner skills can include: being organised or communicating clearly.



Please ask your child about their ASPIRE Portfolio and their ASPIRE Sentence!

#TECHOGNITION

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CELEBRATING SCHOOL TECHNICIANS

Technicians are highly skilled, very experienced and essential members of school and college staff whose value is often not fully understood, as a lot of their work goes on behind the scenes. #TECHOGNITION is a national celebration of technical support staff, recognising the importance of their essential roles.



Windsor High School and Sixth Form currently has five Science technicians, four IT technicians, one Design & Technology technician and one Food and Display technician. Between them they have a vast array of knowledge and skills which ensure their departments run smoothly and efficiently and also enables them to provide invaluable support to the students and staff on a daily basis.

Spotlight on 'Indoor Cricket Club' ★

Indoor Cricket, for students from all years takes place every Wednesday, after school from 3.10pm to 4.10pm in the bottom gym.

Students can join this club and play indoor cricket during the winter months, to help with their batting and catching skills – along with teamwork skills until outdoor cricket and rounders then start after Easter.

One student said "I enjoy coming to Indoor Cricket Club as it's exercise in the colder months, and it helps me practice my skills ready for rounders, or outdoor cricket".

Here are some photos of our girls taking part in Indoor Cricket Club. We also have some photos of our boys practising their cricket skills ready for a match. So if you like cricket, or would like to try it, then come along!



Measles Vaccination Clinics

There are new measles vaccination clinics every Saturday in March in Brierley Hill and also at additional locations across the borough. **These will be offering measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) immunisation to children from age 3 years 4 months up to adults aged 25 years, and anyone else born after 1970. Appointments do not need to be booked. People can just turn up on the day. A pork-free vaccine is available on request.**

Every Saturday in March: Brierley Hill Health and Social Care Centre, Venture Way, Brierley Hill, DY5 1RU, 9am - 4pm. Book through your GP practice if registered with a Dudley GP, or just turn up on the day (you can even turn up if you not registered at all)

And also in the following locations:

Saturday 9th March: Woodsetton Medical Centre, DY3 1AF
9am – 12.30pm or Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge, DY8 2AA 10am – 2.30pm

Saturday 16th March: The Northway Surgery, Sedgley, DY3 3QY 9am – 12.30pm or Dudley town centre (by Pound Bakery), DY1 1PN 10am – 2.30pm

Saturday 23rd March: Castle Meadows Surgery, Milking Bank, DY1 2TY 9am – 12.30pm or Halesowen town centre (Lower Somers Square), B63 3AE 10am – 2.30pm

Saturday 30th March: Bath Street Medical Centre, Sedgley, DY3 1LS 9am – 12.30pm or War Memorial, Lye, DY9 8LN 10am – 2.30pm



Year 9 Football Team



Our Year 9 football team have recently played two matches. Unfortunately, they lost one match 6-0 to Haybridge last week.

Haybridge were very impressive on the day and congratulations to them for winning that match.

Our players competed very well, won a number of duels across the pitch and didn't deserve to lose so heavily; they showed good potential moving forwards with their technical ability and mentality.

In the other match played on Tuesday night, our Year 9 footballers got a well-deserved victory at Kinver High.

It was a very good team performance with all the players contributing - showing superb technical ability and a good team work ethic; the student's organisation and communication was very impressive to see.

Well done to all of the team for showing resilience and coming back strong from a loss to win this week's match. Specific shout outs to Isaac, Jack, Joe and Archie who have been outstanding in our matches so far.

Mr Price



What You Need to Know About Tekken 8



£10 million in sales within 100 days, 50,000 simultaneous players - The fighting game Tekken 8 has enjoyed an astounding degree of success since its release in late January. Its impressive presentation and entertaining roster of characters has struck a chord, both with long-term fans and newcomers to the Tekken series – many of whom are children and young people.

Tekken's relative lack of gore distinguishes it from similar titles such as Mortal Kombat, making it seemingly more suitable for under-18s. Its inherent focus on violence, however, plus a highly competitive online play mode against (often older) strangers and some potentially problematic strands of the plot combine to earn it a PEGI 16 age rating. Find out more information on the flyer attached to this newsletter.

Online Author Events

We are proud to be participating in the Spark Book Awards for the 11+ category. Sparks Book Awards supports schools in promoting reading for pleasure and building excitement about a range of different authors and texts.

To help with this, some authors will be holding online sessions to answer questions about their book.

Happy Head by debut author Josh Silver will be the first online session on Monday 11th March, in the library at 3.15pm and will last for 30 - 45 minutes.

Future events are; Away with Words – Date is to be confirmed, This Book Kills - 17th April at 3.15pm, and Steady for This - 29th April at 3.15pm.

Students who would like to attend these sessions must see Mrs Wood, Librarian, to register their interest.



Year 7 Enterprise Club, 'CollabCreations'

This week our Year 7 Enterprise Club, 'CollabCreations', have started selling their water bottles to encourage students and staff to be more sustainable.



They have a busy production line - already selling lots of bottles contributing to their £40 profit which will be sent to Comic Relief. Orders are still coming in thick and fast, and hopefully students can reach their £100 target! If you would like a personalised water bottle please see the attachment to this newsletter.

Young Enterprise Club – Year 10



Grace Perks from Young Enterprise met Year 10 enterprise students for a business development meeting this week to discuss the evolution of their business idea. They will be embarking on a 12 week programme with Young Enterprise to grow their business idea and hopefully have multiple selling opportunities.

They are looking to develop sustainable products to promote literacy and would eventually like to develop a series of books aimed at helping students who struggle with reading more to access enjoyable reading content.

In the meeting, they also discussed with the Young Enterprise representative how to have products link to the stories they write and how to make them more eco-friendly too!

Well done to all involved!



IMPORTANT

Form Litter Pick



In our commitment to continual improvement and the desire to have an exemplary school environment we are planning to introduce a trial of Form litter picking.

This will see each Form group complete a litter pick during one form time approximately each half term. Form Tutors and Heads of House will join this endeavour and litter pickers will be provided to ensure all can contribute.

Responsibility is a key component of The Windsor Way. We are delighted with how our students regularly demonstrate this and they have suggested they would like to be more involved. This plan is an opportunity for them to do so.

Mr Morley

U14 Netball Tournament



Our under 14 girl's netball team took part in a netball tournament on Wednesday, against local schools.

They won 1 game and lost 3, however they showed excellent resilience and determination. Well done girls for working hard until the end of each match!



Ms Bird





Pokémon Tournament

On Tuesday 5th March, Pokémon Club started a Pokémon tournament in C15 (from 3.15pm to 4.00pm).

The tournament is open to students from all years, and don't worry if you missed the start of the tournament, you can still join up next week!



Exploitation



West Midlands Police have partnered with The Children's Society and British Transport Police to help raise awareness of exploitation. We are working hard with our specialist teams and community partners to disrupt and prosecute criminal gangs exploiting young people.

Do you know the signs of child exploitation? Would you know where to report exploitation if you spotted the signs?

Exploitation can happen anywhere. It happens online and offline.

Children are being targeted outside fast food outlets, at shopping centres, through online games, and social media. There are many types of child exploitation including money laundering, stealing from shops, transporting drugs via trains and bus routes.

Signs of child exploitation: Ask yourself, is a young person:

- Travelling alone, particularly in school hours, late at night or frequently?
- Looking lost or in unfamiliar surroundings?
- Anxious, frightened, angry or displaying other behaviours that make you worried about them?
- In possession of more than one phone?
- Carrying lots of cash?
- Potentially under the influence of drugs or alcohol?
- Being instructed or controlled by another individual?
- Accompanied by individuals who are older than them?
- Seen begging in a public space?

You can find out more information from the #LookCloser campaign website here:

[#LookCloser To Spot Exploitation | The Children's Society \(childrenssociety.org.uk\)](https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/lookcloser)

If something doesn't feel right, don't wait, report it:

Call the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency, or text the British Transport Police on 61016.

Plus you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

