



YEAR 11 NEWSLETTER

Easter 2009

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Welcome to the Easter Edition of the Year 11 Newsletter

Thank you for your continued support throughout this term. We are continuing to make progress in a number of areas due to the positive partnership between staff, parents and carers and the positive attitude from the vast majority of our students. We hope that the final summer term will bring about even more positive change.

I'M A MODEL, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN!

Leaver's Ball Preparation Night. 2nd April. Doors open 7pm, 8:30pm finish. Come down to the Prep night to see yr 11 models on the cat walk. They will be presenting hair, make-up and clothing for the Leaver's Ball. Stalls on the night will have a variety of clothes and accessories to give you ideas or to buy on the night. Come down and watch the models 'strut their stuff'. Entrance by ticket only £1.50.

COLLEGE INTERVIEWS

A vast number of you have been attending interviews for college placements. The vast majority have gone really well and I wish you all the very best with your interviews.

MR WOODS

Please note Mr Woods will not be in school until 27th April. Any mentoring sessions have been cancelled until his return. You will be notified of this date.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance always has a high profile in school and it is imperative that you attend every day in order for you to achieve your true potential. Every day counts—Every lesson counts. Arriving to tutor period on time is also important as information is passed on to you about college, jobs vacancies, news of the day etc. You must attend tutor period in order for you get the information at first hand and to ensure that you don't miss out.

4th ANNUAL LEAVER'S BALL

The 2009 Leaver's Ball is a masquerade ball to be held on 15th May at The Fence Gate, Fence, nr Burnley. You need to arrive at school by 6pm and coaches will leave at 6:15pm. The Ball finishes at 12am and we arrive back at school at approx 12:30am. There is to be no alcohol before or during the Ball and the venue is a no smoking venue. The 3 course meal and entertainment will be second to none. It is the perfect way to celebrate your achievements over the last 5 years and to have a final get-together and giggle with your friends. A meal, disco, presents and awards like no other. Put your glad rags on!

THE LEAVER'S YEAR BOOK 2009.

The Leaver's Year Book is near completion and will be available to buy after the Easter holiday. The more we order the cheaper it will be. They will cost approx £7 - £10 each. This year's book is bigger and brighter and packed with wonderful memories of your time at WPHS. It will make a wonderful memoir. Book early to avoid disappointment.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 6th & 7th—Revision School
April 20th—Return to school

May 11th—First Exam
May 15th—Leaver's Ball
May 22nd—Leave school

June 18th—Last Exam

EASTER REVISION SCHOOL

The Easter Revision School is being held on the first two days of the Easter holiday. Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th April. Please be punctual to the sessions you want to attend. You may attend as many or as few as you wish.

Monday 6th 9:15am - 12 noon

English foundation tier
Additional science
Spanish

Monday 6th 12:30pm - 2:45pm

English higher tier
Physical Education

Tuesday 7th 9:15am - 12 noon

Maths higher tier
Maths intervention
BCS
CIDA

Physical Education

Tuesday 12:30pm - 2:45pm

Geography
History

Religious Education

REVISION CLASSES

Revision classes start on Monday 20th April for approx an hour after school.

Monday—BCS, Drama, MFL, Geography and RE.

Tuesday—English.

Wednesday—Maths Intervention A, DT and PE.

Thursday—Maths Intervention B, Science and History.

Friday—CIDA

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THE REPORTING SYSTEM

The reporting system has been re-fined and has been in operation for 2 weeks.

3 demerits or more in a week - Green tutor report and 30min detention is issued.

Targets not met/persistent behaviour or late issues - orange AL report and 30min detention is issued. Persistent problems are met with a KS4 Detention on a Friday for an hour.

If again the targets are not met or behaviour continues to be poor - red SLT report and a Friday night hour SLT detention is issued.

Remember - The local shops are out of bounds during school hours. If you need the shop, go before school starts.

YR 11 MATHS CHALLENGE

45 year 11 pupils from 11W1 and 11W2 for Maths participated in the Intermediate UK Maths on February the 6th 2009 (9W1 and 9W2 also took part). This Maths Challenge is organised every year and schools all over the country take part. Depending on how well pupils do there are bronze, silver and gold certificates to be won. This year Arshad Karolia gained a silver certificate and had the highest score for the whole school. Rebecca Varga also achieved a silver certificate. Abdullah Mulla, Chloe Hayhurst, Aiden Varga, Jack Blackledge and Sophie Blackbourn were the other certificate winners, all gaining a bronze certificate. Congratulations for all certificate winners and to all those that took part.

EXAMINATIONS

It's finally that time—it has arrived! Good luck to everyone. Please read the revision tips on the right to help you and the Study Planner I gave you. This can also be found on the school website on Pupil Information—Exams—Exam Dates.

REVISION TIPS

- Start early and use your planner to organise a revision timetable.
- Short sessions will be most valuable. {If you work longer, your concentration levels will drop. Better to take a short break or revise something different}.
- Use your Mocks and other exam/test questions to help identify strengths and weaknesses.
- Don't ignore weaknesses. Remember there's only a difference of 7 marks between a grade D and C. That might only be 1 question!!
- Make notes of your work that you can use for last minute revision. Draw pictures in the margin to help you remember.
- Draw mind maps/spider diagrams.
- Break down topics into 'do-able' chunks.
- Ignore the urge to suddenly clean your room for the first time in three years!!
- Set Sky+ or the video to record BBC Bitesize programmes.
- Revisit your notes briefly after a day, a week, a month, as well as just before the exam.
- Remember 10 hours or more of revision on I am learning can boost your grades by one level i.e. D C, C B, B A, A A*.
- Stop and take a break if you become frustrated.
- Stick to your revision timetable inside your planner. Get into the routine of following your revision plan.
- Have a start and finish time.
- Have clear and specific goals for each revision period e.g. at the end of this revision session I will be able to...

Incorporate 'me time' or days off into your revision timetable.

Helpful websites:

www.examzone.co.uk

www.positivelymad.co.uk

www.iamlearning.com (WIBB2/firstnamesurname/ddmmyyyy)

www.gcse.com

- Eat properly - regular well balanced meals.
- Sleep properly - try to have 6 - 8 hours sleep a night.

Regular breaks - go outside and get some fresh air.

WE LOVE YOU ROVERS—WE DO!

Witton Park pupils were lucky enough to be invited to Brockhall Village to watch the magnificent Blackburn Rovers (you can tell Miss Whittaker is writing this!) The pupils who were selected to go were those pupils who had created a question to ask the players or the manager about football. After a careful screening process, 12 students, Mr Jackson, Ms Hannon and a very excited Miss Whittaker, piled into the mini-bus. We arrived at Brockhall and were greeted by a car park full of personalised registrations, Hummers and BMW's. After posing for photo's we moved onto the training pitch. We were led up onto the training field by Ken Beamish who is the commercial manager of the club. He allowed us to watch the players train. We were amazed by how skilled the players were, it was fantastic to see the players so close. Some of the pupils (mostly the girls-Jodie Gaul to be precise) commented on how much better looking they were in real life!

After the training session we were led through the fantastic facilities at Brockhall. We looked at weights rooms, physio rooms and a viewing gallery. In the viewing gallery Mr Beamish told us to sit down and relax. We could sense that something was brewing, but Mr Beamish wasn't giving anything away! As we were sat eating our sandwiches who walked in but Jason Roberts!! Jason (Miss Whittaker is now on first name terms!) was fantastic, signing autographs posing for pictures and generally having a good natter with us all. He was followed by Stephen Warnock, Danny Simpson, Ryan Nelson, Aaron Mokoena, Benni McCarthy Andre Ooijer, David Dunn and Miss Whittaker's favourite Roque Santa Cruz. All the players were really chatty and really interesting and the pupils enjoyed chatting to them immensely.

Just when we thought our day couldn't get any better, in walked the boss himself- Sam Allardyce. We then got our chance to ask Sam our questions. He answered very professionally but also very honestly. The day was topped off yet again when Stephen Warnock and Morten Gamst Pedersen came in for a really long chat. They sat for at least half an hour and had questions fired at them. The pupils and staff alike really enjoyed the day and would like to say a huge thank you to Ms Hannon for organising the event, Mr Jackson for driving the mini-bus and Mr Beamish for showing us around.

Oh and Miss Whittaker?? She's thinking of packing up teaching to become a footballer's wife!!

Good Luck