



# Great Wyrley Performing Arts High School

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### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION-PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS GOES HOME**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we work our way towards the end of the autumn term, I would like to share the following information with you:

#### **HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> November two inspectors from **OFSTED** spent the day in school looking at our progress since the last full inspection in January 2008. I am delighted to report that they were completely satisfied with our work and that in the categories of ensuring our children are safe, communicating and involving parents and carers in our work and in our Specialist Performing Arts projects they judged that we are making good progress. During their visit they observed lessons and reported that 70% were either good or outstanding and they told us that the time they spent with the young people was enjoyable and interesting. The full text of the report will be available shortly on the school and OFSTED websites but I would just like to say thank you and congratulations to staff, governors, families and students for their part in making this visit a success.

#### **END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS**

I would like to inform you that, as is the tradition, on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** School will close early at **12.30 p.m.** School Christmas lunch will be served on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. At £2.10 it's too good to miss! Order by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **DISNEYLAND PARIS TRIP**

The ICT Department is taking some students in Year 10 on a study experience at Disneyland Paris. During this experience students will attend three curriculum-led education sessions. These will include live interviews with Disneyland Resort Paris managers and cast members, video footage of 'behind the scenes' scenarios and case studies. These education sessions directly link in to the syllabus of the GCSE course and should help boost their examination grades.

#### **DRAMA NEWS**

Mrs Evans has begun running her Drama club on Monday lunchtimes for all students who are interested, whilst Mr Stark's Gifted and Talented club has also made a strong start. A highly successful trip to see "One foot in the Grave" TV star Richard Wilson in "Twelfth Night" at Stratford was enjoyed by students from all years 7 – 13. The annual Pantomime for all Yr 7 drama classes will be taking place in the Theatre during the afternoon of Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec; your Drama teacher will be collecting your contributions of £2.75 soon. Letters will also be going out soon advertising a weekend day trip to London in January for Years 9 - 13, taking in a trip to the theatre as well as sight-seeing and shopping.



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## YEAR 7 NEWS

Year 7 will soon have completed their first term here at Great Wyrley and the vast majority have made an excellent start with us. £600 was raised for the Lepra Charity following the Lepra workout at lunchtime. **7D (Mr Hulme)** were the year 7 inter-form netball winners and **7C (Miss Hackett)** were the year 7 inter-form football winners.

## YEAR 9 NEWS

Year 9 had 2 successful **RAF days** recently. Each pupil had a 2 hour session which included a variety of activities, puzzles, problem solving scenarios etc. designed to help with confidence, teambuilding, teamwork, leadership, communication and other useful skills. All agreed it was most enjoyable and many said that they had learned several useful lessons which would benefit both at school and in the real world. The activity was used as the basis for follow up work on the value of communication and planning skills.

## ART UPDATE

In November a group of Year 12 AS Art students had the opportunity to work with a local sculptor, **Anthony Hammond**, to create large willow structures based on natural forms. The outcomes are fantastic and will form a valuable part of their coursework.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30	Christmas Music Festival
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Lunchtime	Christmas Dinner! (£2.10 order by 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec)
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>12.30</b>	<b>End of Autumn Term</b>
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan Christmas Vacation – School Closed</b>		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2010	8.50	Start of Spring Term
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	5.00-8.00	Y10 Parents' Consultation Evening
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	7.30-10.00	Y7, Y8, Y9 Disco
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	5.00-8.00	Y12 Parents' Consultation Evening
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	5.00-8.00	Y8 Parents' Consultation Evening
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	5.00-8.00	Y7 Parents' Consultation Evening
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00-8.00	Y9 Option Choices Evening

**Chris Leach**  
Headteacher



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partners and friends!*

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