



# Great Wyrley Performing Arts High School

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

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we move towards the end of the school year I would like to share the following information with you:

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

The examination season has now finished and we await the results that will be published in August. The last three years have seen an upward trend in results in all sectors and we are optimistic that that will continue for the class of 2009. Our students, as usual, conducted themselves with great skill and discipline during what is a really stressful and difficult time for everyone. I really hope they are rewarded with the grades they deserve and need to move to the next phase of their learning.

In September I will have been here for five years and I would have to say that time has gone by very quickly and that I have enjoyed the vast majority of my days working in South Staffordshire. We still have many challenges but I would like to thank you for your continued trust and support that forms the backbone of our partnership to deliver the best outcomes possible for our young people. **Have a good summer!**

#### **END OF TERM**

On **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 12.30p.m.** School will close for the summer break. We will re-open our doors at **8.50a.m. on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.** (See details of start times later)

#### **SPORTING SUCCESS**

Congratulations to the following athletes and sports stars who have excelled recently:

**Steph Jefferies Y11** – Gold British Acrobatics Championships

**U16 Rounders Team** won Cannock and District tournament.

**U13 5-a-side Girls' football** South Staffordshire winners

Selected for district Athletics

U15 **Charlotte Jones** (Y8) **Abigail Booker** (Y7) **Deanna Hopps**

U17 **Jodie Hollingmode, Claire Nixon, Richard Stanley, Catherine Arnold.**

U19 **Natalie Ainge, Jamie Hammond**

Other successful athletes recently include **Gemma Ringland, Charlotte Jones, Sianie Johnson, Hannah Royster** and **Alyssa Webb**

Swimming

**Claire Nixon** (Y10) has been training with the U20 Great Britain Squad.

**Catherine Arnold** and **Chelsea Craddock** have represented the West Midlands.

**Y8 Cannock and District Boys' Football League** winners

**Y10 Cannock and District Boys' Football Cup** winners

Also **31 yr 10 girls** passed their Dance Leadership award. This is a sports council award, which took two terms to complete.



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## POLICE News

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves; The Neighbourhood Team covering Great Wyrley, myself, **PC PERCIVAL** and **PCSO LLOYD**. Some of the pupils may have noticed that we have been around the school more often over the last few months. This is for a number of reasons, a spate of burglaries and incidents of criminal damage at the school for which 2 youths (not current pupils) have been charged and are appearing at Court. Also to be more visible within the community and link in with the Inclusion unit. Police dog Scooby also attended the school recently, involved in a National campaign to target drugs use and educate pupils in relation to drug abuse. I am pleased to say no drugs were found. Further spot checks may be planned for the near future !!! Cannabis has now been reclassified as a class B drug, its use in school or indeed outside school will not be tolerated.

On the whole Great Wyrley is a pleasant place to live and work. There are a number of issues of concern, youths gathering around various locations in the village and incidents of graffiti. These are actively being targeted and recently 4 youths concerned in spraying graffiti spent a considerable amount of their own time and money under supervision cleaning their "dirty work". I would appreciate the support of pupils and parents alike to reduce further incidents of anti social behaviour, criminal damage etc especially with the summer break only a few weeks away.

I am aware that pupils at the school may be victims of anti social behaviour or have other concerns so please feel free to stop us when we are out and about and speak to us in confidence. Finally can I ask that pupils be mindful of what items they bring into school with them, we are again fortunate not to suffer regular problems with thefts of personal items from schools but the potential is always there, with this in mind we do have a facility to property mark any items of value including mobile phones, bicycles etc.

Thank you for your cooperation, Happy holidays.

**PC 4280 HINSLEY.**



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## DRAMA NEWS

The Key Stage 3 Drama group, of Year 9 students and a handful of Yr 7's, gave an impressive and enjoyable performance of their own choice of play, "The Tulip Touch", to approximately 100 people in the Theatre in May. It was a free event, though the cast asked for donations to their nominated charity, Sands (Stillbirth and Neonatal death), and raised £60. Well done to those students, for some of whom this was the third and last such event, as they move onto KS4 (GCSE) Drama in September. Theatre trips continue to take place regularly and are well-attended; 73 people from all year groups travelled to Birmingham to see West Side Story in April. A couple of trips are already planned and will be advertised in the new academic year

## LOST PROPERTY

Notices have been put in registers asking students to claim lost property but we still have numerous items still unclaimed including coats, PE kits and keys. Please encourage your child to ask at reception if they have lost anything during the school year, as any unclaimed items will be disposed of.

## AUREVOIR et BONNE CHANCE

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to a number of colleagues, some of whom have invested a huge amount of their lives in Great Wyrley Performing Arts High School.

**Mr Featherstone, Mrs Atkins, Mrs Claxton and Mr Archbold** have between them clocked up more than 120 years of service to our school. We shall equally miss the services and skills of **Mrs Tyler, Mrs Middleton, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Degg, Mr Rademacher, Mr Chambers and Ms Simmonds** who are all off to new challenges and new adventures. We wish them well in their futures and hope they will always be friends of Great Wyrley.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> -Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> July		<b>"We Will Rock You!"</b> School Musical
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30 p.m.	Summer Music Festival
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> -Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> July		Y7 residential to St Lunaire
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00p.m.	Lower School Presentation Afternoon
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30p.m.	Oscars Night
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	12.30p.m.	End of School Year
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> August		AS/A2 examination Results
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> August		GCSE Results
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>		<b>Start of New School Year</b>
	<b>8.50a.m.</b>	<b>New Year 7,12</b>
	<b>11.00a.m.</b>	<b>Years 8, 9, 10, 11, 13</b>

Chris Leach

