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IMPORTANT INFORMATION-PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS GOES HOME

Dear Parent/Guardian,

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

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

The examination season is now in full swing and students in Years 10,11,12 and 13 are all involved in modular assessments and final examinations. Good habits of revision and study as well as the essential balance between work, recreation, sleep and healthy diet will all help them to achieve the positive results their efforts deserve. 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.

SPORTING SUCCESS

Congratulations to the Year 11 Girls Rounders who won the recent Cannock and District Rounders Tournament. Congratulations also to the Year 7 and 8 Girls football team who the South Staffordshire 6 aside tournament which took place here at Great Wyrley a couple of weeks ago. On an individual front talented gymnast **Stephanie Jefferies** in Year 11 gained British NDP Champion Grade 4 trio in acrobatic gymnastics on 10 May whilst **Emily Quimby** (Y11) has once again been selected to represent England at rounders. Finally **Jodie Hollingmode** Y10 and her pony Jaffa have qualified for MIDARC (the Midland Show Jumping Championships) to be held in August. They qualified at the first show, and have a winning streak at the moment being unbeaten at the last 3 weekends at all shows

HALF-TERM BREAK

On **Friday 22nd May at 3.35p.m.** School will close for the Half-Term break. We will re-open our doors at **8.50a.m. on Monday 1st June.**

MODERN LANGUAGES NEWS

In April 9 Wyrley students from years 8 & 10 visited our exchange school in Marl, Germany, where they experienced the student life in a German school, starting at 7.55am every morning and finishing at 1.00pm. As part of the visit they were fully absorbed in every day life as part of their partners' families. They took part in visits to a theme park and a bowling alley as well as a 'dodge ball' tournament and visited a hands on Science museum where they had the chance to create a puzzle by themselves. During their stay, they also made a DVD in the foreign language about their partner and wrote diaries. Before they left, they all received a certificate for their competence in either sport, language, fashion, popularity, injuries or singing ability to name but a few! A great time was had by all with many students planning to return in the summer to continue to build on the links and friendships already started.

Keele University Routes into Languages Trip

Following on from the November event when ten year 8 language students and their parents attended the university for an evening of language awareness activities and lots of fun as well as a continental buffet, students and their parents arrived again at the university on the evening of 23 April. After a two course sit down meal, the parents abandoned their children to an evening of ice breaking activities and



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stay with their teacher, Mrs Howarth, in student accommodation. The following day, students started with a 3 course breakfast before spending time in sessions where they had the opportunity to sample Spanish and German, followed by workshops in Russian, Basque, Chinese, Mandarin, Japanese, Romanian to name just a few. The purpose of the event was to promote the value of language learning, the employability of people with languages and the essential skills as well as variety of languages and fun to be had in learning them. The project was funded by the Gifted & Talented budget. One of the students who took part wrote afterwards, " I thought the trip to Keele was great and I really enjoyed it. I really liked the Spanish and Japanese and Romanian taster sessions as it was different and fun. Overall the trip was brilliant, I enjoyed everything and if possible, I would like to go again." Congratulations to **Mrs Howarth** and her team.

COMMUNITY FUND RAISING

Money raised for Walsall Hospice £153.65 from the Christmas Soft Toy Promotion and £75.60 for Easter Promotional Items. Grateful thanks and appreciation to everyone, it is with this support that the Hospice is able to provide the special nursing care.

ENTERPRISING STUDENTS

On Wednesday 6th May a group of sixth form students represented our school with great distinction at the Staffordshire Finals of Young Enterprise which took place at JCB Headquarters in Rocester. This was the sixth consecutive year that Great Wyrley has made it to the finals having already beaten off all other competition from the Cannock Chase District. In a close-run contest our company "GWEN", whose product was an innovative electronic data-storage device, lost out to the eventual winners De Ferrers High School (Burton) but it was great experience for all involved and there is much to be proud of. The students involved were: **Fleur Meacham (MD), Stacey Harrison, Harpreet Kaur, Alex Gardner, Jason Silvers, Ella Perry, Sally Wright, Jack Horton, Andrew Bell, Liam Palmer, Jody Richards, Natasha Platt, Richard Jennings, Katie Bayliss, Sam Williams, Oliver Griffiths**. Congratulations also to **Emma Mander** Subject Leader for Business Education.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 18 th -Fri 22 nd May		Y10 Work Experience
Mon 25th-Fri 29th May		Half-Term Break
Saturday 13 th June	8.00pm	"First Night of the Proms" event (£5.00)
Wednesday 17 th June		Staff Training Day (School Closed)
Friday 26 th June	7.30pm	Y7, Y8, Y9 disco
Wed 1 st -Sat 4 th July		"We Will Rock You!" School Musical
Sunday 5 th July	10.00am	Wyrley Waddle
Tuesday 7 th July	7.30pm	Summer Music Festival
Mon 13 th -Sun 19 th July		Y7 residential to St Lunaire
Thursday 16 th July	7.30pm	Oscars Night
Tuesday 21 st July		End of School Year
Thursday 20 th August		AS/A2 examination Results
Thursday 27 th August		GCSE Results

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