



# 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 through a very busy autumn term, I would like to share the following information with you:

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

This is a very busy time of the school year for everyone. Staff and students are working hard to complete coursework assignments and many are sitting modular tests that count towards their final examination grades. It is very important that these events take everyone's full attention because good attendance and full concentration will bring rewards in terms of improved grades.

On a different subject, if anyone is interested in becoming a school governor there are currently vacancies for parents to join us. We really value your support and input in this vital role. Further information is available from Mrs Bannister here at school.

#### **ART NEWS**

Year 10 Art GCSE students have had the opportunity to work with the nationally recognised sculptor, Philip Cox. Students spent two weeks creating their own 3D African masks sculpted out of cardboard and the end results are fantastic and will be displayed around school soon.



#### **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.

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

I will write to you again before Christmas but to support your early planning 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.



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## LUNCHTIMES

You will probably be aware that our local Tesco Express store has taken the decision not to allow our students to use their facilities. This follows several incidents of poor and dangerous behaviour by a small minority of young people. The options available to our students are either to remain on site and either take a school lunch or bring their own sandwiches and be safe and supervised during the lunch break. Students can, with parents' permission recorded in their personal organiser, leave the school site and return home or to an address approved by parents but if they choose this option their safety and behaviour becomes the responsibility of their family. In all cases students should be back in school by 1.15 p.m. ready for afternoon registration. We intend to review this process and we will be contacting you in the New Year to seek your opinions about future arrangements.

## SCHOOL SAFETY

Could I please repeat a request I made on several times last year that parents and carers coming to drop off or collect students at the beginning or end of the school day do **NOT** use the entrance drive or its approaches to park or turn around in. There have been a number of occasions where safety has been compromised and we are anxious not to cause accidents or injuries to anyone in our community. Also as the darker afternoons approach our Road Safety partners would like us to remind everyone about the Be Bright Be Seen initiative.

## VALUABLES

It is sad to observe that we all need to be careful about the security of our valuable items. For this reason we strongly urge students not to bring expensive items such as MP3 players or mobile phones with them to school. If they do so they must realise that they are not allowed in lessons and that they themselves are responsible for them at all times. School does not have the capacity to investigate or insure against loss or damage to any such items.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

|   |              |  |
|---|--------------|--|
| Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> , Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov | 7.30pm       | Mother Goose (Wyrley Pretenders)                       |
| Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov                     | 2.30pm       | Matinee Mother Goose                                   |
| Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov                     | 7.30pm       | Evening performance Mother Goose                       |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December                 | 5-8 p.m.     | <b>Year 9</b> Parents Consultation Evening             |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December                   |              | Aachen Trip (MFL)                                      |
| Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> December                 |              | Chester Trip   |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December                   | 5-8 p.m.     | <b>Year 13</b> Parents Consultation Evening            |
| 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>                              |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2010               | 8.50         | Start of Spring Term                                   |

**Chris Leach**  
Headteacher

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