



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 some positive trends in results in all sectors and we are optimistic that that will continue for the class of 2010. 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 six 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 **Friday 23rd July at 12.30p.m.** School will close for the summer break. We will re-open our doors at **8.50a.m. on Tuesday 7th September.** (See details of start times later)

SPORTING SUCCESS

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

Charlotte Jones y8 County Champion 100m - ranked 10 in the country

Richard Stanley y11 County Champion Javelin - also ranked 10 in the country

James Kennedy y11 County Champion High Jump

Also 30 year 10 Girls passed their **Level 1 Dance leadership award.**

CHANGES

We have recently sent out letters informing you about changes to some aspects of our lunchtime arrangements from September. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will no longer be allowed to leave the site at lunchtime and those in Years 10 and 11 will only be able to do so if they have a pass issued by school. Your sons and daughters should have brought a letter home for you to tell us your preferred arrangement for them. These letters are also available on the school website. A return from all families would be welcome by **Friday 16th July** please.



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There will be a minor change to the shape of the school day. The 10 minute afternoon break will be replaced by a 5 minutes changeover enabling the end of school to be **3.30pm**.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Just a reminder that in September we are launching our new uniform code. From the start of next term only official school sweatshirts or jumpers with a school badge will be allowed. These will be maroon in Years 7, 8 and 9 and black in Years 10 and 11. Students can choose either a white polo shirt or a white button-up shirt and ties will no longer be compulsory. Rules about appropriate school trousers, skirts and black or brown plain shoes (not trainers), jewellery and accessories remain unchanged. A full uniform list is available from school. **If you are in any doubt please consult with us before you purchase items which may not be suitable for school.**

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 Norton, Deputy Headteacher**, is retiring and has been with us since 1986 serving this school with honour and distinction throughout that period. **Mr Richards (Art)** is also retiring and has been at Great Wyrley since 1988. **Miss Fayed (English)**, who has been with us for three years, is moving to another post to further her career experience and development. Finally **Mr Ravenscroft (Technician)** who has worked in a part-time capacity since 2003, will also be leaving us. We wish them well in their futures and hope they will always be friends of Great Wyrley. They will all be missed and fondly remembered.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 16 th July	7.30p.m.	Charity Concert
Monday 19 th July	7.30	Summer Music Festival
Tuesday 20 th July	2.30	Lower School Presentation
Wednesday 21 st July	7.30	Oscars Evening
Friday 23rd July	12.30	End of School Year
Thursday 19 th August		AS/A2 examination Results
Tuesday 24 th August		GCSE Results
Tuesday 7th September		Start of New School Year
	8.50a.m.	New Year 7,12
	11.30a.m.	Years 8, 9, 10, 11, 13

Chris Leach

