



Great Wyrley Performing Arts High School



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION-PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS GOES HOME

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach a very important period in our school year I would like to remind you about the following event.

TARGET SETTING DAY

On **Thursday 21st October** we shall be holding "Target Setting Day" here at school. On this day there will be no normal lessons and students will attend an appointment with their form tutor to discuss their academic progress and targets for this school year. Times will be allocated in advance to students. Attendance at school on this day is compulsory. Parents/Carers will have their opportunity to discuss progress at Consultation Evenings later in the year and do not need to attend on Target Setting Day itself.

At the end of the meeting students will be given a printed statement of these targets to bring home and discuss with Parents/Carers. This is a good opportunity for you to see how well your son or daughter is progressing here at Great Wyrley.

You will receive two important pieces of information for each subject. Firstly each student will have a **"target"** level or grade which is based on results already achieved in previous tests or examinations. This grade will be an optimistic projection of what could be achieved in Year 9 Teacher Assessments, in GCSE/BTEC or OCR Nationals, at AS level or A2 level if students maximise their potential and make good progress.

Secondly for each subject you will receive an indication of whether or not students are on track to achieve their target grade given their current progress. Any difference between target and present performance will form the basis of the conversation with their tutor on the day as well as the basis of their action plan for improvement for the rest of the year. All this information will use a traffic light system with green meaning completely on track, amber meaning some concerns and red showing serious possibility of underachievement.

Given the short period of time that our Year 7 students have been at school our ability to give accurate assessments of their progress will be less in this round than in the Review Day in February. It will nevertheless be a good opportunity to support the settling in process.



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Therefore Year 7 students will only receive an indications of how they are approaching their studies.

Students will not be required to stay on site once their appointment is completed and their action plan written up and approved but they may do so if they wish to. There will be staff to help them interpret the information they are given. For most students this process is likely to take about ninety minutes.

There will also be opportunities for students, particularly those preparing for GCSE, AS or A2 examinations, to spend some time completing coursework, using the ICT facilities or planning Work Experience placements. For some students this may be compulsory if they are behind in subjects.

Food will be available to purchase from the School Canteen which will be open throughout the day. **The school buses will run normally in the morning but one bus only will return at 12.30 p.m. which will cover routes B, C and D.** Due to the limited space on this bus the seats **need to be booked IN ADVANCE**. This can be done by contacting Mrs Deeming by e-mail (dd@gwpahs.org) or by telephone (01922 857059).

Students who use this service should negotiate an appropriate appointment time with their form tutor to fit in with these arrangements.

Students will **not** be required to wear school uniform when they attend this meeting.

We hope that this will be a profitable day for all concerned. Should you have any questions about it please do not hesitate to contact school.

**Chris Leach
Headteacher**

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