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NEWSLETTER

8th March 2024



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YEAR 8 – JESSE

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YEAR 11 – RACHEAL

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YEAR 13 – JASWINDER

CHESTER – RACHEAL

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HOUSE OF THE WEEK

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MESSAGE FROM MR PARRY

Today I will be writing to all parents explaining the arrangements we have in place for all who will be observing Ramadan. As a school we wish to support any member of our school community celebrating Eid, and in line with the Trust's attendance policy we can authorise absence for religious observance on that day. We do not make assumptions about reasons for absence and require notification from parents, including if a student is absent to observe Eid. I would like to send our best wishes to our pupils, students, staff & parents during the holy month of Ramadan and wish you all Eid Mubarak.

This week our Year 10 student had mock interviews in school with a number of local employers. The event was a huge success and our guests commented on how engaged the students were and some of the wonderful interviews that were conducted on the day. Thanks to Mrs Thomas for arranging this as part of our careers program. In addition, we have had some other really positive opportunities and experiences for our students this week: a group of Year 7 and 8 students volunteered with some grounds maintenance at Penn Golf Club; we welcomed some Year 5 students from Christ Church within our PE department; we hosted a Year 12 and 13 RE morning; Key Stage 3 students attended In Comm Academy on a STEM visit; some of our science students competed in a science quiz at another school; and we also had a very successful year 9 parents evening!

Yesterday we were excited to welcome ITV Central News into school to do some filming of our wonderful Dog Mentors that we have in school throughout the week. Presenter Lois Swinnerton was joined by Mr Green, Mr Rogers, some of our wonderful students and of course Brian and Orla (our two Dog Mentors). We look forward to the article featuring on the news on ITV in due course and will update you once we know the date.

Finally, we had a very positive Spring Term Academy Committee meeting this week discussing the school's successes and next steps. The Committee is made up of Foundation Governors, Community Governors, Staff Governors, Parent Governors and members of the Trust's central team. We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor position so if you would be interested in contributing to the continued success & help shape the future of the academy, please contact school for details of how to apply. Any applications from parents would be most welcome.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr E Parry
Principal



If your child is using social media, please keep up to date on what platforms they are on, talk to them about their personal safety and keep age restrictions in mind. Remove your child from the platform if they are too young and you have concerns.

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Other helpful tips:

- Show your child how to report offensive comments or block people who upset them.
- Ensure the account is 'private' to make sure only approved friends can see posts / images.
- Check 'tagging' settings so that when others are posting or sharing photos online, your child's identity is not revealed.
- Encourage your child to talk to you if they see anything that upsets them.



Some of our wonderful staff team on World Book Day!



Our Lent Appeal: Supporting our local community

- We would like to send Easter cards and chocolate eggs to local care homes to spread hope and joy this Easter, especially to those feeling lonely or going through a difficult time at the moment.
- If you would like to drop off any donations of Easter chocolate to the school reception, we would be very grateful. We will be delivering the Easter eggs and cards to the care homes in the final week of term. Please ensure donations are brought in before Monday 18th March. Thank you!



Visit to Penn Golf Club



On Monday 4th March, Year 7 and 8 students visited Penn Golf Club and spent the afternoon supporting a volunteer group in managing the heathland environment.

Students spent several hours working hard clearing a large area of heathland of unwanted saplings that were taking over the area. The golf course were incredibly pleased with their efforts, the weather was kind and a fun day was had by all.










GOING COUNTRY OR GOING LONG?

If you hear these words, it's time to step in and stop county lines.

What is a county line?

County lines is a form of criminal exploitation. It is when criminals befriend children, either online or offline, and then manipulate them into drug dealing. The 'lines' refer to mobile phones that are used to control a young person who is delivering drugs, often to towns outside their home county.

How to spot the signs in young people:

-  Are they regularly missing from school or home? Do they suddenly have new clothes, phones, or lots of cash? Or do they have more than one phone?
-  Do they have bruises or injuries they can't explain?
-  Do they change the story or become secretive about where they're going?
-  Are they potentially under the influence of drugs or alcohol?
-  Have they been seen begging in a public place?

Suspect county lines, call us on 101 or visit our website to report www.west-midlands.police.uk



How do you know if County Lines drug dealing is happening in your area?

Gangs exploit vulnerable adults and young people. Talk to us if you see this happening in your local area:

- An increase in visitors and cars to a house or flat
- More bikes, e-scooters, or off-road bikes outside a property
- New faces appearing at the house or flat
- New and regularly changing residents (e.g different accents compared to local accent)
- Change in resident's mood and/or demeanour (e.g. secretive/ withdrawn/ aggressive/ emotional)
- Substance misuse and/or drug paraphernalia
- Residents or young people you know going missing, maybe for long periods of time
- Young people seen in different cars/taxis driven by unknown adults
- Young people seeming unfamiliar with your community or where they are
- An increase in anti-social behaviour in the community

Other ways to report County Lines

If you or someone else is in immediate danger or risk of harm dial 999 now. You can also contact the police by calling 101 or talking to us online via Live Chat



fearless.org provides young people with a safe space where you can give information about crime 100% anonymously 27/7, 365 days a year. **Call 0800 555 111.**

CrimeStoppers.
0800 555 111
100% anonymous. Always.

To report crime anonymously call **0800 555 111** or search 'Crimestoppers'. The service is 100% anonymous and can help provide information to the police.



If crime is happening or you see anti-social behaviour while on public transport text **81018**, or call **999** in an emergency.



You can report any concerns to the social care team at the local council. Search 'local council' to find yours.

childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME
childline.org.uk | 0800 1111

Learn more about County Lines and child exploitation on The Children's Society website. It's important to #LookCloser and report your concerns. call us on or visit our

Suspect county lines, 101
website to report www.west-midlands.police.uk

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Mental Health
Support Team

CRAFT 'N' CHAT

Free drop in event for children, young people and their parents and carers.

Wednesday 27th March 2024

Wednesday 3rd April 2024

Drop in any time between 10:30am and 14:30pm

Location:

Wolverhampton Art Gallery, Lichfield Street,
Wolverhampton, WV1 1DU

Reflexions is a Mental Health Support Team that works in schools and colleges to support children and young people.

The Craft n Chat event includes therapeutic activities including painting, sculpting, collage, construction and mindfulness activities with the opportunity for you to speak with Mental Health Practitioners about ways to support your child's wellbeing.



From the Chaplain...

As we continue our journey through lent I am aware that so many are struggling. Our work is intense, many are carrying additional burdens from our lives outside school and we are feeling exhausted. 'Is this really part of God's plan?' we might ask, as indeed Jesus' disciples would certainly have asked all those years ago as the authorities turned against him and plotted his downfall and as Jesus himself talked about the suffering and death awaiting him. 'How can this be the way of blessings and joy and eternal life?'

In our worship this week we consider the actions of Judas as he betrayed his master. Was it really for the silver or was he disillusioned with Jesus who he had thought would lead an uprising in a magnificent display of holy power? Or perhaps he was simply afraid for his own safety and future and his actions were those of self-preservation? Whatever the reason for his disloyalty, we have all experienced times when God's way has seemed unclear or when we have perhaps questioned the wisdom and the justice of events he has allowed. Part of our Lenten journey, part of faith itself, is to persevere and to trust even when life is hard.

I leave you with some thoughts from a recent walk which seemed to illustrate the way that life can feel at times like walking through mud! And I pray that soon enough the sun will shine on us once more and we will emerge from the mud to walk an easier path. Amen

Stuck in the Mud

The arrow points across the field
yet here I am, alone and stuck:
no sign that others have trodden this way before.
Endless sludge sucking at my feet
I slide and stumble, question and doubt
the way I have been sent.
Bogged down, boots heavy,
clothes spattered in mud,
each step becomes a challenge and a choice.

Is this the clay of which we are created?
Unpromising material for your art!
And did God choose to cake himself in this same mud?
To be with us; immerse himself in life below?

I struggle on and through a hedge
I catch a glimpse of the way ahead:
clearly marked, it calls me onwards
before it turns a corner out of sight.
A robin sings and the sun shines a little brighter.

