

Family Bulletin

25th June 2021



Each one of you has a special gift from God. Use it to serve others well. 1 Peter 4:10

Thought for the Week

**“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is:
what are you doing for others?” Martin Luther King Jr**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well as we find ourselves once more in a period of uncertainty with regards to COVID-19 transmission. We do count ourselves very fortunate as a school that we have not had the level of cases and the subsequent disruption this causes that many other schools have had.

However, I want to make you aware that a Year 10 student has tested positive for COVID-19. We have followed the guidance from Public Health England and identified all close contacts in school. The students affected were immediately sent home to self-isolate. We are relieved that we have not had to send home the whole year group bubble. This is a reminder that we must ensure we all follow the government guidelines both in and out of school and continue to take all measures necessary to reduce the risk of transmission.

The need to continue with regular lateral flow testing to identify non-symptomatic cases is crucial in containing the spread of the virus. Students have been issued with their latest kits today, so please ask your child for theirs. We strongly encourage all students to test twice weekly. We have a supply in school if more are required. The next item in this bulletin is the standing item on LFD testing for your information and a reminder about contacting us in the event of a positive case.

In other news, we had an emergency evacuation today, the second in two weeks. I am happy to report that neither were the result of deliberate actions. The one we had last week was a technical fault and the one today was triggered by a science practical lesson! At least the sun was shining and we commend our students on their excellent conduct during both evacuations.

We are looking forward to the three personal development days planned for next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Thank you all for responding with returns and payments so promptly. Considerable time has gone into planning the activities on these days, however I must sound a note of caution. At the time of writing this, it's all steam ahead. However, if there were to be further positive COVID-19 cases there is the possibility that some or all of the activities may have to be cancelled. We will stay positive and hope that this is not the case but will keep you updated.

We wish our Year 9 Bronze Award Duke of Edinburgh students the best of luck on their expedition this weekend.

Finally, a reminder that school is closed on Monday for a staff development day. As a staff we will be looking at our school vision and Christian values. Staff will also receive safeguarding training, and be hearing from our teaching and learning and professional development leads about our vision for these areas from September.

With best wishes,

Mr B E Burley
Head of School

LATERAL FLOW DEVICE TESTING REMINDERS

Message from the Department for Education:

To help in communicating the importance of testing and reporting, we have produced a blog on [why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test](#), featuring further guidance and common questions. This also includes details on financial support available to parents whose children are asked to self-isolate after contact with a positive case.

Please continue to report your results via the links below.

1. Continue to report LFD (non-symptomatic) Home Testing results
2. It is really important that results of tests are reported online straight away, even if your child's result is negative or void. It's easy to do at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.

Results can also be reported via telephone by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

It is important to also report the result to WSE as well. This can be done by completing the WSE [Report a COVID-19 positive result LFD form](#)

3. Parents/carers must continue to inform the school of confirmed cases if symptoms developed within 48 hours of last being in school. If a positive LFD result is received you can advise the school via the links above. **If you receive a positive PCR result, please notify the school by emailing covid@wyvernstedts.org**

Parents/carers of pupils who were not symptomatic but tested positive within 48 hours of last being in school also need to let the school know.

4. Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) via a PCR test, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since last being in school, you do not need to separately advise the school of this. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Please do continue to report LFD (non-symptomatic) results via the normal way.

5. The school will continue to report all confirmed cases to phtracing@wiltshire.gov.uk

If your child has a positive COVID test please alert the school as soon as possible on the usual number: 01722 328565.

Outside of school hours, please email covid@wyvernstedts.org.

Many thanks

Personal Development Days (Mrs Bellamy)

We would like to thank you all for your response to our request for late permissions to be completed for the KS3 PDD trips next week. We now have the overwhelming majority of all KS3 students attending curriculum trips next week and taking advantage of this opportunity to extend their learning beyond the classroom.

Year 10 students have a comprehensive plan for their employability days which will be hugely beneficial to all in helping to prepare them for the onward journey after GCSE exams next year.

All relevant letters, information and requirements, etc. for each day next week can be found on the Personal Development Day page of our website: [click here](#). Please note the detail for the KS3 PSHE day in school and the request for students to bring in art supplies from home where possible. This is to enable them to be original in their artwork for the Modern Slavery project competition. Selected entries will be on display in the cathedral in October.

Activities Days (Mrs Bellamy)

Allocation letters have been sent home with students and trips have been added to ParentPay. To secure your child's place please make payment by 2nd July as we will need to release spaces to the waiting list after this date.

Year 7 Parents' Evenings

Thank you for attending online parents' evening this week - we had a brilliant virtual turn out. We would appreciate your feedback about your experience of conducting parents' evening via video appointment. A survey has been emailed to you and the closing date for your response is next Friday 2nd July.

If you faced any technical issues and were unable to speak to a teacher, please email them directly to give you a progress update about your child.

You can find a full list of contact details for teachers on our new website here: <https://www.wyvernsted.org/43/staff-at-wse-7>

Friends of Wyvern St Edmund's: Uniform Exchange

Did you know that you can contact other parents/carers of WSE to exchange, sell and/or donate uniform? This is a good way to recycle uniform that is still in good condition and save money.

You can connect on Facebook via this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/294901624779765/>

Year 10: Senior Student Leadership (Mrs Smith)

It has been a privilege for all those involved to interview the students who applied for the various positions on the team. They received their letters and prefect contracts this afternoon. It is a requirement that all student leaders wear the WSE uniform with blazer and tie. The ties will not be the standard school tie as they will have coloured ties to denote their role, the school will provide these. We recommend looking at the Uniform Exchange (see last item) to source a possible exchange or purchase uniform from outgoing Year 11 students.

We have high hopes that this team will lead the WSE student body through the next year as inspirational role models and excellent ambassadors for WSE.

The student leaders have been informed they can now apply for the role of Student Head of School and that the details will be posted on SMHW by Monday.

WSE ALUMNI

We love hearing from former students about what they are doing now. Congratulations to Mollie S who passed her assessment to join the army. We wish you every success!



Maths Department News (1)

Each year we enter students from all years into the UKMT Maths Challenges. These are a series of really challenging maths questions and the competition has 1000's of entries from all over the UK. The top students from each round go through to the next. Well done to all those students who volunteered to attempt the challenge, we had 60 entrants across all 5 year groups. The following students scored enough points to get performance certificates.

Junior Maths Challenge Y7 - Y8

Year 7

Lola Y Bronze

Henry R Silver and Best in Year

Year 8

Oliver L Bronze

David Y Bronze

Grace P Bronze

Katie D Silver

Alice N-C Silver

Scout P Silver

Charlie S Gold, Best in Year and Best in School

Intermediate Maths Challenge Y9 - Y11

Y9

Alice E-B Best in Year

Y10

Poppy C Bronze Award and Best in Year

Y11

Mille E-B Bronze

Gwyn J Silver

Alex B Silver, Best in Year and Best in School

Charlie S also scored enough points to go through to the next round. We are eagerly awaiting his results.

A free online maths summer club for your child - Registration extended to the 27th June

Eedi is an online maths tool that some of our students have used in the classroom to help them revise (called Diagnostic Questions). The best way to get ahead in maths is to do maths little and often. It is all about building up confidence.

Eedi has offered all Year 5 to Year 9 families free access to [Eedi Summer Club](#), a maths summer program 100% free of charge that will help to boost your child's confidence in maths so it's sky high for the new school year.

Your child will first do a quick placement quiz to set their work and then get recommended topics that'll help them improve the most over 7 weeks. Your child will get unlimited access to review questions, videos and live chat support with real teachers over the holidays. You'll also get weekly reports on how they're doing.

The minimum recommended work is 1 lesson a week, which should be around 30 minutes of work.

Each week, Eedi will hold competitions to boost motivation and engagement - from who's given the most thoughtful explanation to a problem to what team has the highest amount of points 🏆... Plus there are real prizes up for grabs!

Signup deadline: June 27th (Get Eedi Summer Club for free until this date)

Summer Club Starts: July 5th

Summer Club Ends: August 23rd

Sign up on [this link](#) to get the offer automatically applied to your account.

If you have any questions, please contact family@eedi.co.uk directly

Maths Department News (2)

Southampton University Maths Challenge

In term 4 some students also participated in the Southampton University Maths Challenge. This was a series of 8 problems to solve, not all with single answers.

Junior Challenge '21

Brooke P Certificate of Merit

Eve P Certificate of Merit

Senior Challenge '21

Poppy C Certificate of Merit

These students will get to attend a virtual awards ceremony along with those who gained awards last year as well.

A big well done to these mathematicians.

Calculators

Students are expected to have their own calculators for use in both class and assessments. 2 out of the 3 GCSE papers are calculator based.

We recommend the Casio Classwiz FX-83GTX. This is available in most supermarkets, stationery shops and online from Amazon. They cost around £10.

If you are struggling to obtain one, then please let your child's tutor know and we may be able to help. If you child already has their own calculator then please can we ask that both the case and calculator are clearly named.





Monday 28th June

Dear Parents/Carers please remember that school is closed for all students on Monday 28th June for a staff development day as published in our calendar.



SIMS Parent App



The SIMS Parent app is a convenient way for us to share information with you about your child's school life

It allows you to access information from a smart phone, tablet or PC, any time....any where



To sign up, please email office@wyvernsteds.org

26-30 July 2021 – The Godolphin School, Salisbury
A SHOW IN A WEEK! £180 / £162 sibling discount

This is one of our all-time annual favourites! Join us for an exciting and fast-paced journey of drama, singing and dance with a fantastic performance open to a family audience on the Friday afternoon (if new restrictions are introduced due to the pandemic, we have options to be able to share these with you remotely).

9-13 August 2021 – Greentrees Junior School, Salisbury
SUMMER FESTIVAL! £180 / £162 sibling discount

Let your children explore all corners of the performing arts with several short sessions a day covering different topics such as street dance, song-writing and mime with our very talented teaching team! Our varied and exciting schedule will ensure that no two days over the period will be the same! The week will include singing, dancing, acting, arts and crafts and heaps of fun for everyone!

You don't have to be a Stagecoach student to enrol, this is open to everyone. Our sessions are designed to cater for experienced students to the complete novice - Book today! Head to www.stagecoach.co.uk/salisbury#workshops or call 07842 944 697.



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VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED**

SUMMER WORKSHOPS 2021

Summer holidays won't be complete without one or both of our performing arts workshops included! Tailored for experienced and beginner students who are split into classes by age. We provide a platform for youngsters to explore their creative side whilst having fun, building confidence and forming friendships!

A SHOW IN A WEEK! Age: 4 - 18 years Date: 26 - 30 July 2021 Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm Performance: 4.00pm (subject to covid guidance) Cost: £180 / £162 siblings Venue: Blackledge Theatre, Salisbury	SUMMER FESTIVAL! Age: 4 - 18 years Date: 9 - 13 August 2021 Time: 9.00am - 3.00pm (no show time) Cost: £180 / £162 siblings Venue: Greentrees Junior School, Salisbury
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Term Dates

Did you know that you can find our term dates on our new website?



There is also lots of other useful information about school life available on the new website, please do take a look.

www.wyvernsted.org