

Family Bulletin

9th July 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

'It's not how much we have but how much we enjoy that makes happiness.'
Charles Spurgeon

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today has been a wonderful day indeed. Seeing students take part in races and events cheered on by everybody has been so inspiring and such a positive tonic for everyone. Several renditions of 'Sweet Caroline' and 'It's Coming Home' on the field certainly reflected the optimistic mood of the country as we look forward to the Eurpoen Cup Final this weekend.

I would like to thank our awesome PE department who have spent weeks planning for Sports Day. They have pulled out all the stops to make the day as memorable as it can be.

Planning for next week's Activities Days (Thursday and Friday) has continued throughout this week. We are all-systems-go and hope that the weather will be kind to us. I'm sure that the children will enjoy the activities and an opportunity to do something fun, interesting and engaging.

Our assessment team will be working on populating the end of year reports for all students next week. Mr Martin has written a detailed explanation of how to interpret the content of the report which will be included with the final copy. The data that we have gathered for the reports will feed into our Big Celebration Assemblies (BCAs) during which we will reward our top-achievers and students who have made the most progress. We are fortunate that the last day of this term, when the BCAs takes place, now falls at a time when restrictions on mass gatherings have been lifted, enabling assemblies as a year group to take place.

With regard to further guidance about restrictions being lifted after July 19th, the senior leadership will be working over the summer on a plan to enable students to return to school safely in September. We have been made aware that there will be an expectation for schools to complete mass testing when students return to school. It is not possible for us to give you clarity yet on how this will work as we are still working through the guidance. However, we will let you know as soon as we have planned the logistics for this undertaking.

In terms of other restrictions that will be lifted in September, we do know that there will not be a compulsion to organise students according to bubbles – in other words, bubbles will go. In addition we know that schools will not be asked to contact trace if there is a positive COVID case. During the summer we will evaluate whether we will be keeping some of the operational changes that we made earlier in the year such as hand sanitising in lessons, the one way system and so forth. Some of these changes may well be worthwhile retaining in the long term to make the site as safe and free-flowing as possible. We will of course keep you posted.

I hope you have a great weekend.

With best wishes,

Mr B E Burley

Reports (Mr Martin)

Your children's teachers are currently in the process of completing their reports and we aim to publish these to you on the SIMS app on Friday 16th July. Paper copies of the report will also be given to all students to bring home with them on the same day. Please note that next year our intention is to go 'paperless' when publishing reports so if you have yet to download the free SIMS app please contact Mrs Allen on allen@wyvernstedds.org who can help you through the process.

Reports for students in years 7, 8 and 9 will contain information about their attitude and behaviour in lessons (what we called Personal Development), the % scores they achieved in their end of year exams, and what these scores tells us about the progress they have made over the last year.

Reports for students in year 10 will contain information about their attitude and behaviour in lessons, the grade they achieved in their end of year exam, and the predicted grade we believe your child is likely to achieve in their GCSE or vocational exams in 2022 if they continue to work as they have been over the last year.

All reports will be accompanied with clear 'explainers' which will help you understand the information they contain but if you have any questions when you have read them please do contact your child's tutor who will be happy to help you.

<https://www.wyvernstedds.org/43/staff-at-wse-7>



Personal Development Days (Mrs Bellamy)

We would like to publicly thank our staff and students for a fantastic week last week. We have received emails from venues and the general public praising WSE students for their insightful questions and excellent behaviour. We look forward to more of the same during our Activities Days next week!

Activities Days (Mrs Bellamy)

We are very excited about our planned programme of trips and activities for next week. Final letters with arrangements for each trip, including meeting points and timings, are available in the activities section of the SIMs App and also on our website: <https://www.wyvernsted.org/687/activities-days-2021-information>.

The activities days form part of our calendared school days and allow students the opportunity to discover and/or develop talents and gifts. If your child has not selected their own trips/activities, they will be allocated to a school based activity and are expected in school as normal.

Please note that ALL students should register in tutor groups as normal at 8.20am each day, unless their trip is scheduled to leave earlier in the morning. All trips and activities will be non-uniform, we ask that parents/carers ensure clothing is suitable for the planned activity and weather. Students in receipt of Free School Meals should collect packed lunches from St Edmund's dining hall before registration. For students attending school based activities food will be available to purchase as usual.

Lateral Flow Testing

Students should continue with twice weekly lateral flow testing at home until the end of term. If any students are running low on the number of tests required to allow a final test on either the evening of Sunday 18th July or morning of Monday 19th July, they can pick up an additional pack from student reception.

There is no need for students to continue testing throughout the summer holidays, unless they are attending our catch-up provision. However, testing is still widely available and should your family wish to continue testing kits are still widely available and can be collected from either your local pharmacy or ordered [online](#)

On Site Testing – September 2021

On the return to school in September we will be once again testing all students within our School Testing Clinic. All students will be offered two on-site tests, three to five days apart. This will help to identify any cases of COVID-19 and stop transmission on the return to school. It will also give new students the opportunity to get used to swabbing in a supportive and supervised environment before moving to twice weekly testing at home.

Following completion of the two on site tests in September, all students will be provided with further home testing kits.

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 only, please email covid@wyvernsted.org.

Many thanks

FENCING SUCCESS!

A massive well done to the Fencing Squad Enrichment Club who have achieved their British Academy of Fencing silver proficiency award.

This brilliant achievement was made by

Scarlett B

Poppy B

Jess H

Scarlett H

Paige H

Harry C

Congratulations to everyone!



Uniform and PE Kit orders

<https://www.wyvernsteds.org/46/uniform>

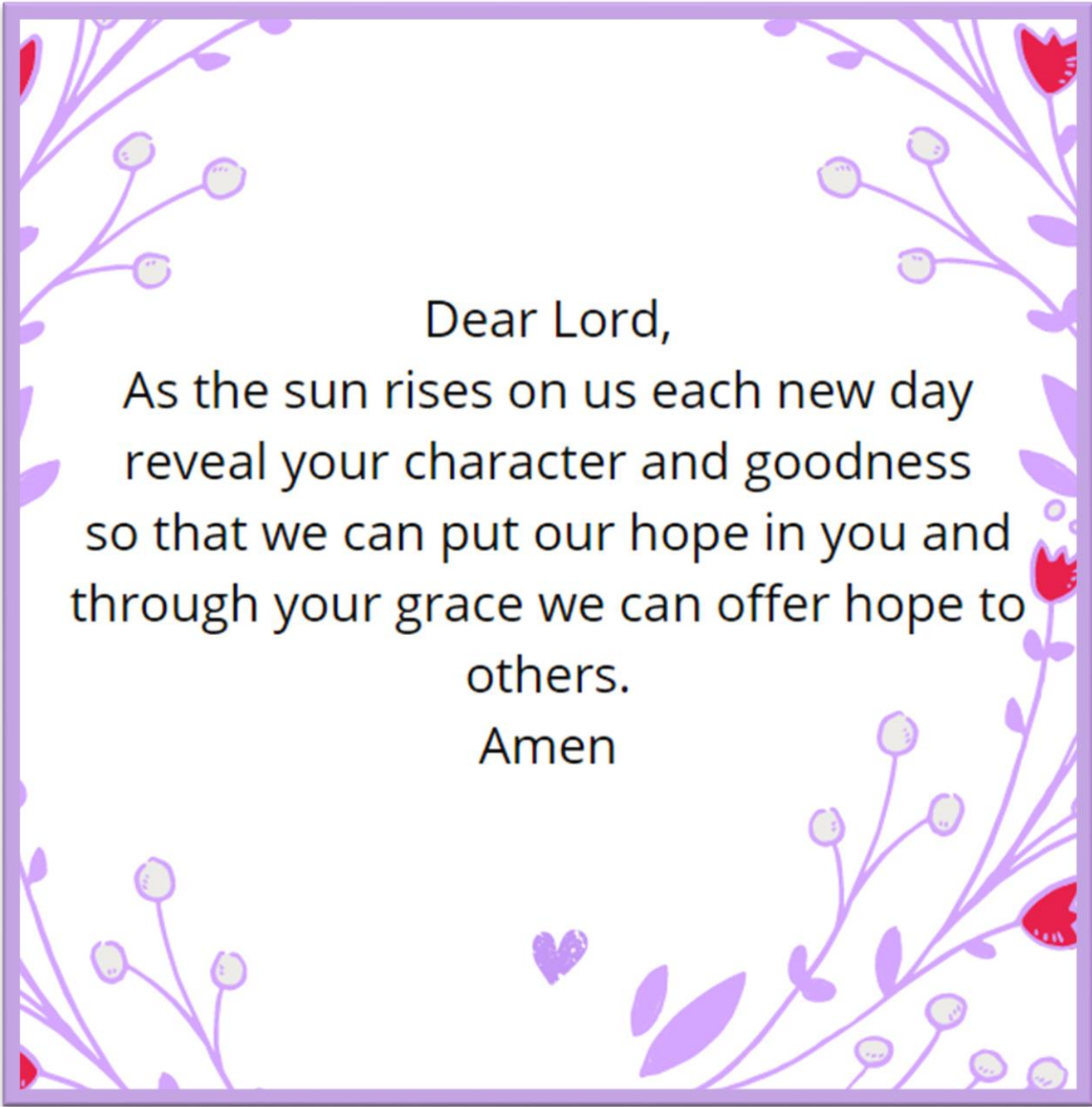
If you have requested uniform for your child to be delivered to school during the Summer holidays these will be available to collect on Wednesday 1st September between 2.30pm-4.00pm.



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/>



Dear Lord,
As the sun rises on us each new day
reveal your character and goodness
so that we can put our hope in you and
through your grace we can offer hope to
others.
Amen