

Dear Parents and Carers

It is my pleasure to share with you work and events that have taken place in the school recently.

An enormous well done to all Year 11 for their work towards mocks. They will be receiving their results next week, as will you, prior to parents evening. I know many pupils have applied to Kimberley College, and staff from the College have been feeding back how well interviews have been going, and how well pupils are presenting themselves. Pupils are really demonstrating our value of 'Belief in ourselves'. We know pupils are now applying for a range of next steps, and the Careers team and form tutors are supporting them in this.

We are currently having a big push on punctuality - to school and to lessons. A reminder that our bell goes at 8.27am and all pupils should be through the front gate at that time. We are also reminding everyone that we 'move on the first bell' so that no-one misses the start of lessons. Almost everyone is getting this right. Lateness is recorded on ClassCharts so I would encourage you to check this regularly - thank you.

Thank you for the fund raising linked to Children in Need. We raised £1,048.70 and are delighted to send that off to support work with children locally, nationally and internationally.

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Mrs McMorn
 Head of School

Teacher Training Day (School is closed)	25th November 2022
Year 11 Parents Evening	1st December
History trip to Imperial War Museum	7th December
Enrichment Day	8th December 2022
School Christmas Concert	8th December 2022
Last day of term	16th December 2022
First day of term	4th January 2023

YEAR 9

We were fortunate to have Festus Akinbusoye, Bedfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, join us at Wootton Upper School today.

Our students were reminded that there are a wide range of opportunities available to them; Festus delivered a dynamic assembly to our year 9 students, shining a light on high aspirations. One of your school governors, Cllr John Wheeler, also attended the assembly.



GCSE CERTIFICATE EVENING

Due to circumstances outside of our control this event has had to be postponed. More information to follow at a later date.

YEAR 11 APPLICATIONS TO KIMBERLEY COLLEGE

Just a reminder to any year 11 pupils that wish to apply to Kimberley College next year, the deadline for applications is **Monday 28th November**.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH NEWS

Year 9 - Duke of Edinburgh Bronze sign up

Anyone who is interested in signing up should have attended a meeting and taken away information to be returned as soon as possible to Miss Bouffler in F1. Pupils who have **returned the form** should be commencing their activities.

WisePay will be taking payments once we collated all the forms - in around two weeks.

We will send a letter to all parents to let them know when this is available.

Year 10 Bronze - Duke of Edinburgh

Pupils should be completing their sections and dates for the expedition will be communicated shortly.

Any pupil wishing to continue on to Silver should have let the Team know.

Year 11 Silver - Duke of Edinburgh

Sections should be halfway to complete and evidence should be on the app.

Dates for the expedition will be communicated shortly.

HELP FOR HOUSEHOLDS

A number of supermarkets and retailers are running an initiative to help with the cost of living. For further information please visit the link below.

[Discounts and offers - Help for Households](#)



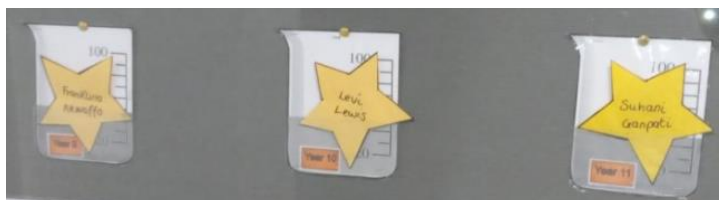
SCIENCE STARS OF THE WEEK – CONGRATULATIONS!

This week's stars are

Year 11 – Suhani Ganpati

Year 10 – Levi Lewis

Year 9 – Franklina Akwaffo



ART CLUB

Year 9 Art Club students have been exploring new techniques to produce these beautiful pumpkins illustrations for Halloween. These mixed media pieces have been produced using white tissue paper, Brusho Inks, bleach and Mono Print.



Pre-loved Uniform shop

Wootton Upper School would like to launch a pre-loved shop uniform shop.

This will support towards us being more sustainable as a school, but also support with everyone in our school community having equal access to uniform.

Second hand clothes help reduce carbon emissions, save resources such as water and energy. They also prevent old clothing from ending up in landfills or incinerators.

Second hand clothes also help save money, which at this current time can be a real benefit, particularly with ever growing children 😊

We are asking if parents have any Blazers, ties and/or new style PE kit in good condition, that your children has out grown and you would be willing to donate to our cause.



Reduce

Reuse

Recycle

If you do, please could you bag this up and drop it off to the main reception or the students can bring this over to the Pastoral Hub.

Alternatively if you would like to access any pre-loved uniform please do not hesitate to contact us on the below emails;

lwhitwham@wootton.beds.sch.uk or
sfarrant@wootton.beds.sch.uk

DRAMA

On Monday 14th November 2022, the Drama department took a group of 14 year 9 students to participate in the ACT!'22 FESTIVAL at Bedford Modern School. The evening consisted of a collaboration of devised performances based on Greek Myths and Legends. 5 schools from the local area were involved in the performance and the quality of work from all involved was outstanding.

Well done to our wonderful students who conducted themselves with such maturity and professionalism throughout day and evening. Their effort and commitment have been incredible, and the work they produced was highly creative.

A huge thank you to Miss Ryan, she has worked extremely hard with the students to create and rehearse this wonderfully original piece of theatre. Also, a special thanks to Mr Hope and Mr Lennon for supporting with the event.



On Tuesday 22nd November 2022, we took 40 year 11 Drama students and 3 A-Level Drama students to London to see the critically acclaimed performance, The Woman In Black. The students were impeccably behaved and did a great job of representing the school.

We are very proud of how they conducted themselves and hope the students enjoyed the experience of seeing a live theatre production. We will now be studying the performance in lessons to support students with a section of the Drama written paper. A big thank you to Miss Ryan, Mr Hope, Mr Lennon and Miss Bloodworth for attending the trip.

WORLD CUP ENGLISH COMPETITION

Miss Marray is running a competition in English where students are challenged to read books from the 32 World Cup competing countries.

Read a book, answer a question on that text, claim a raffle ticket and be in with a chance to win a prize!





Wootton Upper School and Kimberley College



Christmas Concert

**Thursday 8th December
2022**

- 6:00pm @ Wootton Upper School
- Tickets are available from WisePay
- £3 for adults (children free)

