

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR
YOUR CALENDAR**

School closes for half term	27 th May
Half Term	W/c 30 th May
School re-opens	6 th June
Year 11 GCSE Exams End (except for Portuguese and Panjabi)	24 th June
Year 11 GCSE Exams Finish	28 th June
Year 11 Transition Day at Kimberley College	4 th July
Year 8 Transition Day at Wootton Upper School	5 th /6 th July
Term Ends	20 th July

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a busy week with two football finals, vaccinations, a graduation event for our Scholars' Programme and preparations for the Year 11 exam series, amongst other activities. I have also experienced all pupils in Year assemblies this week - theme supporting our mental health - and watched all our pupils present themselves as **READY** (neatly presented and listening carefully) and **RESPECTFUL** (punctual, kind, listening and polite and celebrating the success of those in their year group).

I hope the better weather stays with us over the weekend!

Kind regards

CMcMorn

Mrs McMorn

Head of School

2022 BEDFORDSHIRE BATTLE OF THE BANDS COMPETITION



In March, a band from Wootton Upper School took part in the 2022 Bedfordshire Battle of the Bands competition at The Stables in Milton Keynes. The event was recorded and broadcast on the 5 May. Our band performed two songs, an original called 'Enchanted Lies' and a cover of 'Killing in The Name Of' by 'Rage Against the Machine'.

Although the band spend every break and lunch time rehearsing and playing together, this was their first public performance and they conquered their nerves to give a really confident performance.

You can watch their performance and the rest of the event by following the link below.

<https://sites.google.com/view/bedfordshirebotb2022/home>

The band are called 'Blossom Stains' and members include **Rosso Roberson** on vocals, **Hannah Brackley** on lead guitar, **Alan Wallis** in rhythm guitar/bass and **Jack Branch** on drums.

YEAR 11 – U16 DISTRICT LEAGUE CHAMPIONS!



On Wednesday 11 May, in warm sunny conditions the year 11 football team played Wixams in the final of the U16 District League in front of a large vocal crowd supporting both sides. This was actually the first football match between both schools and as a result we knew very little about the opposition. With this in mind, Mr Durcan had the boys primed and ready with their game heads on. After a period of 15 mins where both sides tested the water, we eventually increased the pressure and with a cross into the box **Reece Kennington** was the lucky recipient to tuck it away and give us an early 1-0 lead. This was a lead that we never surrendered, and although we had further chances and an **Albara Elforjani** goal ruled out for off-side, we held on to win 1-0.

The organisers of the league had a big task with Year 11 boys this year given that they had missed two seasons of school football with lockdowns and restrictions. It was so pleasing to see the boys get to the final and win it after the agony of losing on penalties in the County Cup to Sharnbrook.

It was fitting that Mr Durcan returned to take the boys for one final game given that he has coached them all year and the team appreciates his work in developing them into a strong team who can play some very attractive football.

Now the football is finished I wish them all the best in their GCSE's.
Mr Graham

YEAR 9 COUNTY CUP FINAL



On Wednesday 11 May, the year 9 boys football team played in the final of the county cup. The first half was against a strong wind and, despite conceding an early scrappy goal, the half was even with both team's defences coming out on top. Unfortunately, our keeper took a heavy knock to the head whilst bravely going in for a save which meant he needed to be subbed off. Our striker, **Evan Gilham** took one for the team and stepped up to play in goal which echoed the team's mentality throughout the season of helping each other. The second half meant we had the wind with us and led to the boys taking control of the game which was mainly played in Samuel Whitbread's half. The best chance of the game was when **Orestas Jonaitis** produced skilful play to beat a couple of defenders before shooting just over the bar. The boys continued to create chances but couldn't quite get that equaliser. There were positives all over the pitch and the players did themselves proud this season winning their mini league and reaching the county cup final in their first season. Well done!

Mr McTernan

YEAR 9 AND 10 ROUNDERS FIXTURE



We had our first Rounders fixture of the season on Thursday 12 May away at Goldington academy. The team was a mixture of year 9 and 10 girls who worked together brilliantly for their first game. We batted first and scored 3 rounders, Goldington then managed to get 6 rounders on the score sheet. There was an improvement in the second innings with us scoring 4 rounders to take our total to 7, however Goldington managed to score another 6, so the final score was 7-12 to Goldington.

A special mention needs to go to **Shelby White** the captain for two amazing catches and 2.5 rounders scored in total.

Mrs Williamson

APPRENTICESHIP ACADEMY

Our Year 11 Apprenticeship Academy has been a great success and we have a number of Year 11 pupils who have either been offered or have applied for Apprenticeship opportunities in the following:

- Construction
- Carpentry
- Plumbing
- Hairdressing & Beauty
- Car Parts/Sales
- Mechanics
- RAF



Well done and congratulation to them!

If you would like any further information on apprenticeships please contact the careers team at careers@wootton.beds.sch.uk

SCIENCE STARS OF THE WEEK

Year 9 – **Alaina McDougall**

Year 10 – **Lillia Smith**

Year 11 – **William Alder**



YEAR 9 VACCINATIONS

This week we had a two-day vaccination clinic in school for Meningitis (ACWY) and DTP immunisations.

Unfortunately, due to time constraints experienced on these days, the vaccination team were unable to see all of the year 9 pupils that consented to these vaccinations.

The team at Wootton Upper School will be in-touch with parents/carers of those affected pupils with more information in due course.

CAREERS INSIGHTS TALKS

This term we are welcoming speakers from a variety of careers.

This week we were lucky to have Paul Turpin - Head of Health & Safety at Stonbury - come in and talk to some of our pupils about a career in construction.

Next week we welcome Paul Garrad a Police Constable from Bedfordshire police who will be talking to our pupils about a career in the police force.