

WOOTTON ACADEMY TRUST

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Dear Parents/Carers

Medic Mentor 'Get into Medicine' Online Conferences – final opportunity to apply for a free place – Mrs Ashby, Head of Careers

Since the start of the year our learners have had FREE access to Medic Mentor healthcare weekends, and more recently their online offer of a virtual 'getting in medicine' conference. To date, six Wootton Upper School pupils and seven Kimberley College students have taken up this offer and we have received very positive feedback.

There are still approximately 30 funded places available for young people and we would encourage any Year 10 or Year 11 pupils who are interested in medicine as a potential career to attend. Conferences are running on the 11th July, 25th July and 1st August. Topics covered include what it is like to be a doctor, perspectives from recent successful and current applicants, CV building, getting work experience, medical personal statements, entrance exams and much more.

To book a place to attend, they must visit <https://medicmentor.co.uk/medicine-national-healthcare-weekend/> and use the code **careersmk** which will remove the cost and make the event free.

Student links – Mr Spurling, Assistant Principal

This week and next week's assemblies

Mr Spurling delivers this week assembly on celebrating personal achievement over the last year. It focuses on that achievement is very personal. As usual the assembly is available on YouTube with the following link : <https://youtu.be/YVFjVih7NM0>

The key messages in Mr Spurling's assembly are to invite learners to take time this week to think about what their achievements - before and since lockdown and secondly to share those achievements with Mr Spurling so that he can put together a celebratory assembly for the final week of term. Your children can do this by sending Mr Spurling an email at studentbulletin@wootton.beds.sch.uk to tell him about their achievements. I know that so many of our pupils and students are very modest preferring to "*hide their light under a bushel*".

Over the last fifteen weeks since 'normal' school and college education was abruptly brought to an end, we have tried to include lots of examples of individual achievement in these letters and by promoting examples of great work in the Virtual Gallery.

Please do encourage your son/daughter to share their achievements with the Trust.

Many of us have achieved things and learned things about ourselves, and also about each other including each other's resilience in coping with challenging and difficult circumstances, our capacity to learn in different ways, helping others and so on.

Given most teenagers universal desire to not want to stand out, I would encourage you, their parents/carers, to send emails too letting us know about things your children have done which you think they might not tell us. We may not be able to include everything in the assembly, but we will try our best. We are a community of pupils/students, staff, governors AND parents/carers; therefore, please let us know what you have achieved as well. It has been a really tough year and I can think of no better final assembly than to share our achievements with each other.

This week's Student Bulletin

As usual the Student Bulletin is also available on YouTube. If you have the time, please do take a look. The thought for the week is "*believe in yourself and you will be unstoppable*".

There are some examples in the bulletins of Year 12 students leading fitness sessions for family members and you can listen to a Music Trio organized by Molly Davenport, as well as lots of information on careers and apprenticeship and on student and family support. The Student Bulletin YouTube link is <https://youtu.be/JcE4Q53ckio>

And, ... don't forget to have another look at our Virtual Gallery:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vQOMEF5E3dvEmCue7ENW6EhQoQTaJ5xFT21X6Hd3lZpjY8BRenf3ITQHeepPAXJg7Q_46uZ-VHUBFT3/pub?start=false&loop=true&delayms=3000&slide=id.g7f6198c5c7_0_0

Pupils and Students logging into Show My Homework – Mr Frazer, Vice Principal

Wootton Upper School	Y9	Y10
Pupils logged in Monday 29 June up to 4pm Friday 3 July	87%	85%

Kimberley College	Y12
Students logged in Monday 29 June up to 4pm Friday 3 July	83%

There was a small decrease in students logging onto SMH to access work last week. Whilst most Year 10 and Year 12 learners are now spending some time in school, it is very important that we keep very high levels of engagement with SMH over the next two weeks.

Microsoft Team Lessons – Mr Detheridge, Principal of Kimberley

Microsoft Team sessions are rolling out to supplement *Show My Homework*; these are now well-established in Year 12 with many students and teachers reporting how much they are enjoying them. This week "Teams" is being launched with Year 10 pupils and yesterday's first sessions very largely, went well. Mr Detheridge was a "fly on the wall" in the Geography session led by Mrs Bavington with Mrs Coulson and Dr Apicella supporting.

Face-to-face lessons

Two hundred and fifty Year 10 pupils came into school last week for four-hours of face-to-face lessons; this is around 85% of the year group came in on the day they were invited to do so.

At Kimberley, one hundred and eighty-five learners spent one or more days at College.

Year 9 face-to-face meetings

Yesterday was the first of four days of one-to-one meetings for Year 9 pupils and their parents. Like the Year 10 meetings two weeks ago, these are taking place in the Sports Hall. We are very pleased that so many appointments have been made and we will let you know next week how many pupils attended, either face-to-face, or where this was not possible by video conference or telephone. Thank you to those parents/carers who took the time to send emails yesterday to give us feedback on the meetings and to say thank you!

Yours sincerely

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