

Friday 4 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely for staff to meet so many Year 9 parents and carers last night. Much conversation is going on regarding the options choices they are making! Form tutors and careers advisors are there to support your child if they are still unsure.

Year 10 have their assessment week starting Monday, and pupils are keenly preparing. It has been lovely to see the focus and commitment of so many of our learners.

Year 11 are talking about their prom. They have a little longer to sign up and pay their deposit if they want to attend in June.

Red Nose Day at Wootton Upper School

Wootton Upper School is looking forward to celebrating Red Nose Day on **Friday 18 March** to raise funds for Comic Relief. Comic Relief is a UK charity which aims to create a world free from poverty. All money raised on the day will go towards Comic Relief in the hope of transforming lives in the UK and around the world.



Senior Student Leaders have asked for the chance for all pupils to come into school on Friday 18 March wearing mufti. They will ask for **a minimum donation of £1** per pupil to raise money for Comic Relief. The money will be collected on the school gate in the morning and every penny raised will go to Red Nose Day for their charities. I am grateful to the Senior Student Leaders for running this event.

In addition, we will be hosting a Bake Sale at break and lunch. Pupils have received information regarding this via their Form Tutors. Pupils may wish to bring a small amount of money to school on that day to purchase a cake.

ATL GOLD certificates



More congratulations for pupils achieving their GOLD attitude to learning certificates!

This is a fantastic achievement and shows purposeful learning in lessons.

Tilly Hickson should have been included in the last newsletter as achieving her certificate some time ago – a special well done to her.

Oluwadamilola Ajayi
Veena Arif
Izzy Baker
Josh Burden-Reid
Fabian Ciocirlan
Zac Coaker
Kimberley Ellis
Colette Fickling
Idris Gobindram
Tilly Hickson
Eleanor Hogben
Armaan Josen
Zainab Khan

Nathaniel Lawson
Alaina McDougall
Sophie Mulqueen
Corey Nyasulu
Jack Parkinson-Smith
Camilla Raja
Lola Ransome
Shay Simms
Alex Smith
Reyna Varghese
Holly White
Erin Wright

Year 10 Football Wootton v Mark Rutherford



After a long wait for the league to start, the Y10 boys entered the game with great trepidation and excitement. They had not played a game in Y9 due to covid restrictions so had played a friendly against the Y11 team and had some strong team play with some individual prowess.

The weather was cold with a strong wind from top to bottom of the pitch. The tactic was to start 4231 with the wind behind us, and play expansive attacking football. A quick and short start saw Wootton go one nil up with another 4 to follow making the score 5-0 at half time. So that the boys could get used to a different formation and have an idea of how to play against the wind, the boys moved to a 5311 looking to counterattack and put bodies behind the ball. Defensively the boys were very strong against some probing attacks but to Mark Rutherford's dismay more goals were expertly slotted past the wearied goalkeeper. This completed the successful start of the league with a huge 9-0 win against Mark Rutherford. Congratulations!

Mr Josiah

Year 9 Football Goldington v Wootton

Police are searching the Bedford area high and low for the players from Goldington after their 'smash and grab' victory over Wootton. Our boys controlled the game for the full 70 minutes winning their battles all over the park. The defence was rarely breached, the midfield and attack peppered the opposing goal but couldn't make a breakthrough during open play due to an outstanding performance by the opposition goal keeper, and some missed chances.

Captain and 'man of the match' **Isaac Rexworthy** scored a penalty to make it 1-1 in the second half but unfortunately a rare break away by the opposition led to their 2nd goal of the game and the winner. Hopefully the players could accept that it was just one of those

days and this was summarised by the opposition manager who said 'You would win that game 19 times out 20'.

Final score Goldington 2 - 1 Wootton

Mr McTernan



An update from the Careers Team

It was fantastic to see so many pupils taking part in the National Apprenticeship Week activities before half term. We had over 70 competition entries and great engagement throughout the week.

Five year 9 pupils correctly answered all the questions in the quiz and, after a lucky dip, **Ava Hanley** 9NMA won a £10 Amazon voucher – well done. The runners up are:

Holly White 9DHA **Jasmyn Mahi** 9JMA **Camilla Raja** 9NPA **Keira Smalley** 9JMA

Following the success of the National Apprenticeship Week, we have now identified the Year 11 pupils who are looking to secure an apprenticeship this summer. These pupils have been invited to join our Apprenticeship Academy which begins on Monday!

There will be more fun activities coming next week as part of National Careers Week, full details can be found on the attached document.

Science Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils for their excellent effort in Science lessons.



- Year 9 - Evie Harris
- Year 9 - Armaan Josen
- Year 10 - George Davenport
- Year 10 - Owen Davies
- Year 10 - Jack Thorne
- Year 11 - Liberty Harrison
- Year 11 - Ben Wright
- Year 11 - Jack Craven

Science Seneca Champions

Well done for extending your learning using Seneca!

Oliwia Wdowczyk Charlotte Cope George Goodman Sydney Pilsbury Marika Walkden Jake Van Oorschot Camila Raja Lillie Hailes Alfie Ingram Deborah Ogluama Arjun Midder	Robyn Botha Callum Duggan Adam Williams Kimberley Ellis Karina Noel Sahasra Pydi Kes Leaf Kiranjit Kaur Ben McGruer Annalise Zarembo Anja Byrne	Darcey Smith Jamie Carter Sam Chick Phoebe Thorn Sophie Reeder Rachel Bradbury Josh Russell Molly Hardman Amelia Shaw Cayden Alien And all of 11S2!
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As ever wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs McMorn
Head of School