



West Coventry Academy



Keeping in Touch Newsletter

8th November 2024

A message from the Headteacher

We have enjoyed a busy first week back after the half term break. Students have settled back quickly into routines.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child arrives to school in the correct uniform. A reminder that all students are expected to wear their blazer in school.

Students have been working hard on improving their punctuality to lessons and I am pleased to report we have seen a big improvement. Arriving on time to lessons ensures that key learning is not missed.

I know you will join me in congratulating to Mr Dale who has completed his challenge for charity – an amazing 1100 push-ups in a month!! He is already on to his next challenge supporting another worthwhile cause to raise money for Motor Neurone Disease.

Good luck to Year 11 who are fast approaching their GCSE mock examinations. We know how hard they are working. We look forward to seeing them at our Sixth Form Recruitment evening on Thursday 14th November.

- Mrs Neofitou



Our 4 Rs...

Respectful Responsible Resilient Ready to Learn

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DHL CV Support for Year 13

Year 13 were visited by employees from DHL to give support with CV writing and apprenticeship applications.

They were able to create and update their own CVs and talk about the apprenticeship recruitment process. Thanks DHL!

Year 8 Kindness Pledge for Anti-Bullying Week

We welcomed year 8 students back to school this week with a special session to raise awareness for this year's anti bullying week, taking place Monday 11th – Friday 15th November. The main message delivered to students included how important it is that we respect ourselves and each other's differences, I have made the resources available on our website for all to view, in case you wish to further support/discuss at home.

Linking to our school value to be respectful, we have launched our 'Kindness Pledge' with year 8, with the aim of increasing awareness of what it is to be kind and the impact this has on ourselves and others. Students are being encouraged to complete a caught in the act of kindness slip (detailing the kind act they have witnessed) and return this to their form tutor. We will recognise and celebrate the kind nature of our year group later this term. All Year 8 students are invited to wear odd socks Tuesday 12th November to celebrate what makes us all unique. Please encourage your child to take part.

This ANTI-BULLYING WEEK we are holding

ODD SOCKS DAY on
TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2024



Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!





Carding Mill Valley Fieldwork

Our Year 11 Geographers visited Carding Mill Valley this week and got stuck in and completing their GCSE fieldwork data collection!

We hope all our students enjoyed this fieldwork experience!

Catering Updates



This week marked the opening of our new 'Pasta King' food pod in our Yard area! Serving pasta and other take away food items, we know this will a hit with our students and offers another venue to allow students to get a delicious meal!

We are also excited to confirm the date of Christmas lunch for our students! It will be held on 17th December. Check out the menu! It will be paid for as normal through parent pay.

Thank you to the catering team for their hard work in feeding the school!



Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 17th December

- Roast Turkey
- or Quorn Fillet
- Stuffing & Yorkshire Pudding
- Roast Potatoes
- Sprouts & Carrots



- Sticky Date Pudding
- Caramel Sauce



Gliding into RAF Cosford

Our Year 7 Glider team took what they hoped was their winning design for the RAF Glider Challenge UK Finals were held at RAF Cosford in November. They had been working with students from Earlsdon Primary School.

We are proud to say their design was the winner! Well done to all the students.



Quick Headlines



- Are you interested in becoming a teacher and want to find out more about teacher training? Our Trust is holding information days to find out more about our School Centred Initial Teacher Training. Check out more information here: <https://arthurterryteachingschool.atlp.org.uk/train-to-teach/scitt-open-events/>
- Unfortunately, The Schoolwear Company on Winsford Avenue has closed relocating to Clive Mark on Barker Butts Lane. Uniform is also available at Cat Ballou in the City Centre.



Arthur Terry SCITT

This Week's Attendance

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
93.7%	92.4%	87.2%	86.0%	90.9%

Community Flyers

Sleep tight workshop

for parents/carers of children aged over 1 year and up to teens



There are 3 dates available:
Wednesday 16th Oct 5-6:30p.m. Saturday 16th Nov 9-10:30a.m. Friday 6th Dec 10:30-12:00

This session will be delivered virtually on Microsoft Teams

Sleep issues are common for children and young people and can have a huge impact on the quality of family life. This 1.5-hour workshop looks at the importance of sleep, understanding sleep cycles, causes of sleep issues and what you can do to support your child to sleep better.

This session will be delivered by a parenting practitioner who has been trained by The National Sleep Charity.

For more details or to book:

Please email: parenting@coventry.gov.uk

Please include the following information in your email:

- Preferred workshop date
- Your name, address and postcode
- Parent's/carer's email address
- Child's name and age



Talking Teens

Your guide to understanding teens



Pathways Family Hub
Thursdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th November
9:30-11:30 a.m.

The latest research shows that adolescence can begin around 10 years and may continue up to 25 years! So, if you think your 10-year-old already acts like a teenager that's probably because the changes in the brain that take place during adolescence may have already started!

Learn how to navigate this trick time with our new 4-week programme available for all parents and carers of teenagers in Coventry, covering:

- ✓ The teenage brain
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Maintaining relationships
- ✓ Managing conflict
- ✓ Addressing difficult issues

To book visit

www.coventry.gov.uk/parenting





What's happening next week at WCA?

W/C 11th November , Week B

Events and Trips

- Mon 11th** – KS4 and KS5 Matilda Auditions (Lunchtime)
- Mon 11th** – Catch up Flu Vaccines
- Mon 11th** – Last Post Moment of Reflection
- Mon 11th and Tue 12th** – Year 7 In the Wild Activity
- Tue 12th, Wed 13th and Thu 14th** – KS3 Matilda Auditions (Lunchtime)
- Tues 12th** – ST Johns Ambulance Young Responders Training – Year 10
- Tue 12th and Wed 13th** – School and College Leavers Exhibition
- Wed 13th** – KS3 Debate with Coleshill School
- Thurs 14th** – WCA Sixth Form Open Evening

Assemblies

This week's topic is Remembrance by History Department

- Monday – Y11 Tuesday – Y10
- Wednesday – Y9 Thursday – Y8
- Friday – Y7



Key Dates Calendar

Check out our key dates on the link below or on the homepage! <https://westcoventry.atlp.org.uk/calendar>

Are you following us on social media? We can't always fit it all in our newsletter, make sure you get all updates from WCA!



<https://twitter.com/westcovacademy>

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Extra-Curricular Clubs

LUNCHTIME	MONDAY KS3 Maths Homework Support – 1.26 – Mrs. Rooney Year 7 Study - Library
	TUESDAY 8-8.30am 6 th Form Swim – Mrs O'Reilly Debate Club - Library
	WEDNESDAY All Years Basketball – Sports hall – Mr Beard & Mr Mulcahy KS4 Study - Library
	THURSDAY Yr 9 Indoor Football Week A only – Sports Hall – Mrs Weston KS4 Maths Homework Support – 1.26 – Mr. Gardner KS3 Study - Library
	FRIDAY Yr 7 Indoor football Week B only – Sports hall – Mr Beard Yr 8 Indoor Football Week A only – Sports Hall – Mrs Weston Chess and Board Games - Library
AFTER SCHOOL	MONDAY No clubs – Staff meetings
	TUESDAY Year 7 Boys Football – Astro - Mr Beard All Years Rugby –Field – Mr Hall & Mr Clarke All Years Badminton – Sports hall - Mrs MacNeill
	WEDNESDAY Year 8 Boys Football – Astro – Mr Beard & Mr Mulcahy Year 7 & 8 Girls Football – Sports Hall – Mrs Weston KS4 Health and social care intervention – Mrs Gormley & Mrs Daniel-Brown
	THURSDAY All Years Netball – MUGA - Mrs Gormley, Miss Kimberlin, Mrs Weston DofE – 6th Form Common Room – Mr Hall
	FRIDAY