

15th November 2024

A message from the Headteacher

Year 11 students have sat their first mock examination this morning. We are really pleased with their commitment to preparing for the mocks and their attendance at intervention. Mocks continue next week.

Students have been busy on various trips this week and we were pleased to welcome St. John's Ambulance into school to deliver first aid training to Year 10.

Our Year 7 In The Wild sessions have come to an end. We know how much students have enjoyed these outdoor learning activities.

We have had our first group of students participate in work related learning organised by the school. You may have seen some of the photographs as part of our social media posts.

Thank you too for supporting us in ensuring your child attends school in the correct uniform, this supports our high standards and expectations.

A reminder that school is closed to all students on Friday 29th November.

Mrs Neofitou



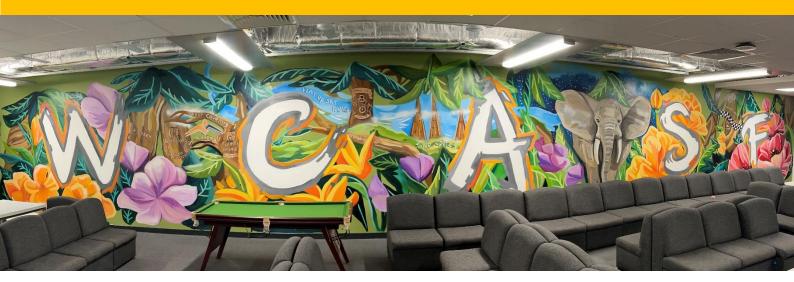
Remembrance Day at WCA

Remembrance Day was marked on Monday this week by another touching performance of the Last Post by our head of music, Mr. Goodier and Megan, one of our students.

Students will also learn more this week in assemblies and can also read more about why we mark the day in the library. The student librarians have created a beautiful display to mark the day.



What a Mural!



The Sixth Form Common room is a great space for our Sixth Form students to relax and socialise, but we really wanted to make the space warm and welcoming. So what better than a mural? Full of hidden details to reflect Coventry and the school, this colourful scene has brought the wild side into the school! Thank you so much to the artist Katie O. You can see more of her great work on her Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/KatieOArt





Sports Update!

Just before half term was another busy week in the PE Department! The Year 10 Netballers played a 3 game League night just before half term. The matches were held at Eden School and they played Eden, Stoke Park and Ernesford Grange. The evening started off with a 9-6 win with Olivia being voted player of the game by the opponents. The game against Ernesford Grange was a tough match as they have a lot of players who play for other clubs so we suffered a loss. However, Freya was voted player of the match. Our final game was a 1-1 draw against Stoke Park with Cassie as player of the match. Well done to all players involved. Their next game is 10th December against Meadow Park at home.

The Year 7 & 8 footballers were also in action at the AT7 centre for the Coventry School Games 5-a-side tournament which they won last year. We had 2 teams involved: our 'Develop' team made up of girls excited to get involved in football but who do not play for clubs, and a 'compete' team made up of experienced players who play for clubs outside of school. Our develop team played Lyng Hall, Coundon and Westwood and drew 1, lost 2. Our compete team played Grace Academy, PK and Ernesford and won 2, drew 1 and only conceded 1 goal in all 3 games. Well played to everyone and we look forward to the next round of games in this competition in January.



Careers Day at InspireED

InspireED Pathways is part of Coventry's hospital education offer, and two of our sixth form students and our Careers Advisor were excited to be invited to visit their year 11 pupils as part of their careers day to talk about our Sixth Form.

Mr. Takiola, head of Science at InspireEd Pathways, said "We were lucky to hear from West Coventry Academy's Connie and Darcie on life in 6th Form. As part of a presentation we heard meaningful insights on studying A levels and the difference in life as a student post GCSE's. They presented really well and our pupils had a lot to learn from the talk. It gave our year 11 pupils real prospect about 6th form as a post 16 destination and many pupils reported they were excited with the offer from West Coventry Academy."

"The Careers Lead Mrs. Kerr also presented and really brought to life all the opportunities and support pupils received within the 6th form. Special mention has to go to Mr Griffin who worked closely alongside Inspired Pathways school to make this happen. Thank you to everyone that supported with our schools Careers Day."



KS3 Debate Team

Our Key Stage 3 debate team took part in their first debate with students from Coleshill today.

They thoroughly enjoyed debating the impact of mobile phones on health and wellbeing, with West Coventry Academy choosing to argue in favour.

Hair We Go!

A few of our students had a fabulous time at our Work-Related Learning session at Artistry Hair and Beauty this week.

The students are working towards a showcase event in December when they display their designs of 'Festival Hair'.



Sparking a New Talent



Another work-related learning group this week got a chance to try their hand at a new skill.

Mrs. Kerr who organised the group, said "Look at these legendary young men learning electrician skills with Mr. Hesketh! They'll be rewiring the school before we know it!"



Y10 First Responders!

Y10 had a chance to learn some potentially life saving skills this week. St. Johns Ambulance gave tutor groups 10A, 10B, 10C, 10D, and 10E the chance to learn some skills in case of medical emergencies. They worked hard and enjoyed these sessions. Thank you to St. Johns Ambulance for sharing these skills.

The rest of the Y10 tutor groups will have their sessions soon so look out for more First Responders in the future!

Quick Headlines

- It was great to hold our auditions for Matilda this week! We can't wait to see the cast be unveiled!
- Thank you to everyone who attended out Sixth Form Open Evening! It was a great evening, and we look forward to receiving your applications!
- Please ensure children who are walking to and from school are vigilant and safe as they travel, especially as the dark nights draw in.

This Week's Attendance				
Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
93.4%	90.4%	87.9%	86.9%	93.3%

Community Flyers

See below for flyers shared with us from local events and organisations





CBGC - 50 Whitefriars Street, CV1 2DS















What's happening next week at WCA?

W/C 18th November, Week A

Events and Trips

All Week - Year 11 Mock Exams

Monday AM – English Language

Tuesday PM - Geography

Wednesday AM – Science and Chemistry

Thursday PM – Maths Calculator

Friday AM – History

Options take place Monday PM, Tuesday AM, Wednesday PM, Thursday AM and Friday PM

Tuesday 19th – Y8 Faraday Challenge Engineering Competition

Wednesday 20th - Year 10 Milestone Assessment -

Assemblies

This week's topic is Anti Bullying Week

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!



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Extra-Curricular Clubs

MONDAY

KS3 Maths Homework Support – 1.26 – Mrs. Rooney Year 7 Study - Library

TUESDAY

Debate Club - Library Y10 Net

WEDNESDAY

All Years Basketball - Sports hall - Mr Beard & Mr Mulcahy KS4 Study - Library

THURSDAY

Girls Football - Sports Hall - Mrs Weston KS4 Maths Homework Support - 1.26 - Mr Gardner KS3 Study - Library

Yr 7 Indoor football Week B only – Sports Hall – Mr Beard Yr 8 Indoor Football Week A only - Sports Hall - Mrs Weston Yr 9 Indoor Football Week B only – Sports Hall – Mrs Weston Chess and Board Games - Library

MONDAY

Staff Swim - 7AM to 8AM

BEFORE SCHOO

SCHOOL

TUESDAY

6th Form Swim - 8AM to 8,30AM

FRIDAY

Staff Swim - 7AM to 8AM

No after school clubs on Monday – 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 Year 10 Netball – Sports hall – Mrs Gormley

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

Netball - MUGA - Mrs Gormley, Miss Kimberlin, Mrs Weston DofE - 6th Form Common Room - Mr Hall

No after school clubs on Friday

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