



Keeping in Touch Newsletter

31st January 2025

A message from the Headteacher

A really busy week showcasing such a variety of events our students have been involved in. I am particularly proud that as a school we have celebrated the richness of our diversity this week and that students understand the importance of acceptance.

This week we have been focussing on reminding students of our school expectation to move purposefully between lessons. Staff on the corridors are present to support students in moving quickly to lessons. Students not moving purposefully to lessons will receive a log on classcharts. We want all students to take their learning seriously and to understand that arriving late to lessons matters. Thank you for your support in this. If your child is regularly late to lessons this will be communicated home to you. Please do discuss this at home, we value your support.

A reminder that school closes for the half term break on Friday 14th February at 3.15pm.

- Mrs Neofitou



Religious Harmony Week

Happy Religious Harmony Week! As a school we are promoting ACCEPTANCE of all people's Faith and Religious views. Student's this week had an assembly on World Interfaith Harmony Week. Our canteen was also decorated with a colourful cascade of symbols and icons celebrating many religions!



ACCEPTANCE of all people's Faith and Religious views is what we do at WCA.



tolerance

- Passive attitude
- Endure something or someone
- Putting up with
- Basic level of coexistence
- Prevents direct conflict
- Just enough to be civil
- Absence of care, love, empathy
- Leads to segregation and division



acceptance

- Positive attitude
- Promotes respect
- Deeper understanding of people
- Promotes dignity of all people
- Leads to people thriving together
- Promotes unity
- Values all people
- Reduces bias and prejudice
- Reduces division and segregation



“It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept and celebrate those differences.”

Audre Lorde



As part of the Religious Harmony week the KS3 debate team got the chance to debate with the KS5 team. They discussed the differences between acceptance and tolerance. Both sides made some excellent points - well done to all involved!

Our Year 8 & 9 Peace team made a series of visits to faith venues to celebrate part of our Religious Harmony week. The visits included a Hindu Temple and an Islamic Mosque. We were very lucky in that we were joined by Pru Poretta, Coventry's Lady Godiva. The students were excellent ambassadors for the school showing great respect!

Thank you too all students, staff and people who have given their time to make this a great week!





House of Commons Visit

Year 12 and 13 students were recently treated to an amazing experience visiting the House of Commons and attending a private function hosted by Avanti Trains. This was to celebrate the trips we had taken on the train last year, and talk about our new collaboration, Visit 200. In the morning we visited the Sky Garden, which, despite the cloud, gave excellent views over the City of London.



Visit 200 – Ride the Rails!

We have been working with our partners at West Midlands Railway on a project to celebrate 200 years of the railway. Two of our talented Sixth Form students Abhay and Fabrizio, have built a website for the project which they showcased to staff at West Midlands Railway on Monday of this week. The staff were very impressed that the website had been built from scratch, and how professional it looked. The website will be published at the start of February and includes an application for free rail travel for all schools in Coventry.

EKFB Work Experience

Some of our students were given an early taste of work experience this week with a visit to an HS2 site near Bicester. They were given a site induction, learned all about the project and even got to try on the PPE! The Work Experience runs for 5 weeks and will give the students the opportunity to work in many different areas of the business.





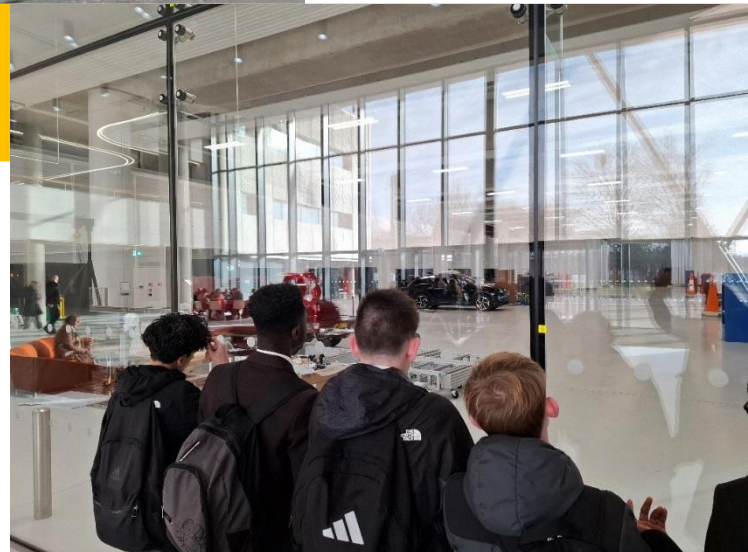
On Set with Silent Witness



Filming for the next series of Silent Witness started locally this week, and WCA are yet again lucky to be able to be involved. Students have been taken onto set to witness first hand what happens behind the scenes and meet some of the crew and cast. Mrs Kerr visited in advance to complete the paperwork and was very excited! The BBC have also donated towards our Sixth Form Prom costs for which we are very grateful!

CoachBright Graduation

CoachBright partners with Primary and Secondary schools and universities in England to run face-to-face and virtual coaching programmes. Through partnering young people with relatable role models, we aim to raise their confidence, independence and attainment. Our CoachBright sessions were led by our Year 12 students who supported our Year 10 students. Those who successfully completed the course as a mentor or mentee graduated at Warwick University this week and even got their steps in with a mega campus tour!



Trampoline Champ!

Daniel, Year 13, competed last weekend in the Zonal round of the School's Trampoline competition, representing West Coventry Academy.

We are proud to share that he achieved second place and will be taking part in the National Final on Saturday 15th March.

We wish him the best of luck!



Sport Round Up



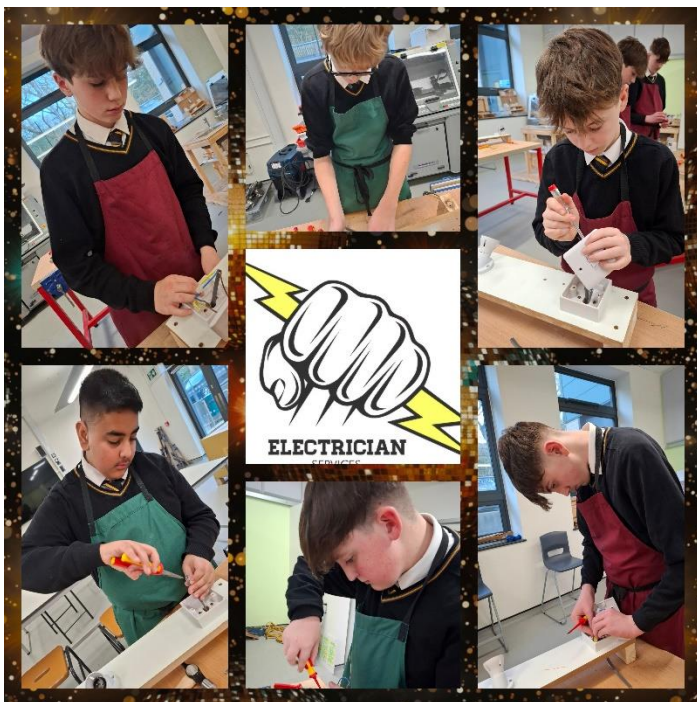
On Tuesday the Year 7 & 8 girls football team were in action again.

This time it was the newly formed Coventry Girls 9-a-side League Cup competition, and the opponents were Stoke Park. After the day's heavy rain, the pitch was not in a great condition. It was very boggy and heavy going on the legs but the girls showed great resilience and won 5-1. Some excellently worked goals were the result of some great teamwork and saw our captain Skyla, our hard-working midfielder Gracie and one of our Year 7 players Delilah bag themselves a place on the scoresheet.

The games keep coming and the team are in action twice next week: Tuesday 4th Feb at AT7 for the Level 2 school games 5-a-side tournament and Wednesday 5th Feb in the Coventry schools 6-a-side league. We wish them luck!

Careers Encounters

Careers Encounters started at WCA today with students learning skills in both plumbing and electrics. The sessions are designed to give hands on experiences to our Year 8 and 9 pupils. The course will run for 8 weeks with a finale showcase event of their work in March. This is a great opportunity to provide students with experience outside the classroom.





Quick Headlines



WORK EXPERIENCE 2025

Could you help a Year 10 student at West Coventry Academy?

Can you or your employer offer a one week placement for the following dates:

Monday 31st March – Friday 4th April 2025

Please contact Mrs Jo Kerr:

Telephone: 02476 426200 Ext. 1037

Email: staffjke@westcoventryacademy.org

This Week's Attendance

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
90.8%	90.6%	84.6%	87.4%	90.4%

What's happening next week at WCA?

W/C 27th January, Week A

Events and Trips

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th – Geography Field Work

Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th – GCSE PE Rock Climbing

Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th – MFL Barcelona Trip

Thursday 6th – GCSE Drama Pride and Prejudice Trip

Thursday 6th – History trip to Auschwitz

Assemblies

This week's topic is Safeguarding Updates.

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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West Coventry Academy



Clubs and Extra Curriculum

PERFORMANCE
EXTRA-CURRICULAR LUNCHTIME CLUBS

MONDAY
WCA Orchestra - G.21 - Mr Goodier

TUESDAY
Ukulele Club - G.20 - Mrs Cambridge
KS3 bands - Practice Rooms
After School - Matilda Rehearsals - Hall

WEDNESDAY
Music Tech Club - G.19 - Mr Goodier

THURSDAY
Matilda Singing Rehearsals - G.20/Hall - Mrs Cambridge
KS4 Bands - Practice Rooms

FRIDAY
WCA Singers - G.21 - Mr Goodier






Community Flyers

Talking Teens

Your guide to understanding teens



4 weekly sessions starting 27th February
5-7p.m.
Mosaic Family Hub

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 tricky 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

