



Keeping in Touch Newsletter

28th February 2025

A message from the Headteacher

It has been great to welcome students back after the half term break. Students have come back settled and ready to learn. A reminder please to ensure that your child brings their iPad to school each day and that it is fully charged.

Year 11 have started their final set of mock examinations today. Intervention sessions are running to support students in ensuring they are prepared. Students have a wealth of revision resources on their iPads as well. Please do support your child in organising their revision and remind them of the following quote 'Fail to prepare, prepare to fail'

We are very proud of the number of trips we run. Students have so many opportunities to get involved. A huge thank you to all the staff who make this possible. In particular, I would like to share with you how over recent months our students have been commended for their respectful behaviour on trips. We have been very proud of how our students have conducted themselves and how they have represented West Coventry Academy. Well done!

- Mrs Neofitou

Strictly Come Dancing for Charity!

It's time for a bit of sequins and sparkle as two staff members head to the ballroom for charity!

Miss. Bell said "I am excited on to be taking part in this dazzling charity dance event, 'The Strictly Experience' supporting mental health charity, Coventry and Warwickshire Mind. I have partnered up with Mr. Brightside, our Data Manager, to perform two routines alongside 15 other dancers. We will be putting on an unforgettable show and raising donations to support invaluable programs by the charity."



If you want to donate to support the charity, and Miss. Bell and Mr. Brightside's efforts, you can do so here:

[Miss Bell's Just Giving Page](#)

Every donation, no matter how small, contributes to making a significant difference in someone's life. Together, we can foster a community where mental health is prioritized and everyone feels supported. Your support means the world to me and to those who benefit from the incredible work of Mind.



If you, or someone you know needs mental health support, check out Mind's website on services and support available in the Coventry area. You can access their website here: <https://cwmind.org.uk/coventry-2/>



Aspirations for Year 7 and 8

At the end of half term, 70 of our year 7 and year 8 students were invited to an Aspirations meeting. The focus was on students identified as 'High Attaining' with the potential to achieve highly in their school career, and how we can support it. It was a great session with engaged students. As a thank you they were also treated to some snacks!





Sports Round Up

Our Year 9 football team faced off against Heath Park in the quarter finals of the West Midlands cup. They stormed to victory, winning 2 – 0 with goals coming from Tyrrik and Jude!

Well done to the whole team, and thank you for Mr. Beard and Mr Mulcahy for overseeing the fixture.



Last night the Year 8 Netballers played in the Coventry Schools netball tournament. They were fantastic & reached the semi-finals but unfortunately lost 2-1.

Beat Foxford 5-1, Beat Bablake (!) 2-1, Drew with Blue Coat 1-1, Lost in the semi to KH8 2-1

Tia got player of the match for 3 games & Freya W for the other, but a massive well done to the whole team who have by far improved the most over the season and been the most dedicated to practices as a squad.

Palestinian-Israeli Assembly

Mohammed and Megan both delivered an insightful and thought-provoking assembly to Year 12 students regarding the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. They demonstrated excellent communication skills by presenting complex issues in an accessible and engaging way, ensuring that all students could follow along with clarity. Their teamwork was also impressive, as they seamlessly collaborated to deliver their points in a balanced and respectful manner. Additionally, they showed great leadership and confidence in handling a topic that is both politically and emotionally charged.

Overall, they exemplified skills in public speaking, critical thinking, and empathy, creating an atmosphere of respectful dialogue and encouraging students to reflect on different perspectives. Well done both!





Trip to Auschwitz



The group of students with Mr. Rudd

A group of year 12 students, accompanied by Mr. Rudd had the chance to visit Auschwitz in Poland. The students wrote this great summary on their experience on this important

“The year 12 trip to Auschwitz was an incredible opportunity that the school offers through the Holocaust Education Trust which encourages a small number of students to pay their respects to the millions who lost their lives during the Holocaust. The trip is not just to see the sites that these events took place at, but the programme included a way for those involved, to read the stories of some of the families affected. We were able to gain an insight as to how life was before the 1930s in many parts of Europe where those from the Jewish community were put at risk. We were even privileged to hear a first-hand account from a survivor which offered us the opportunity to ask her questions that we may not have been given if it weren’t for the Lessons from Auschwitz programme.”

“The one-day trip into Poland itself, allowed the group to see parts of the town of Oświęcim as we passed through to reach the museums at the camps with the group leader informing us about the sites that we saw, the sites that no longer stand, and highlighted how drastically different life was prior to the building of the camps for the surrounding communities.”

“At the end of the day, after the tour of Auschwitz One and Auschwitz two (Birkenau), all of the schools gathered at the site of the former camp crematorium to pay their final respects as a collective. In the freezing winter winds and dark evening moonlight, a handful of participants were selected to recite poems written by either survivors, or the victims who unfortunately did not make it out of the camps, before another group were encouraged to light a candle each as our final tribute to pay respect to those who lost their lives during the Holocaust, those who managed to survive, and those who lost friends and families during these tragic events.”

“Once again, this trip was an incredible opportunity to allow some students the ability to pay their respects, and the programme helps to set the participants up to educate others within the school to gain a greater understanding of the events that took place, and to pass on their knowledge to others in years to come.”

Reported by Natasha, Jack, Ava and Sylvie in Yr12



The book of names with over four million holocaust victims.





Quick Headlines



- Don't forget, you can get tickets for our Matilda show through our Parent Pay shop: [Get your tickets here!](#)
- Our Sixth Form are holding a 24 Hour Stay awake to raise money for Mind! We will share updates next week but check out our social media for updates across the day.
- We have a lot of different events on next week! Make sure you check the calendar for these superb events. We can't wait to share these with you next week!

This Week's Attendance

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
92.9%	90.9%	87.8%	87.7%	91.9%

What's happening next week at WCA?

W/C 3rd March, Week A

Events and Trips

- All Week** – Year 11 Mock Examinations
- Mon 3rd and Tues 4th** - Year 8 In The Wild
- Tues 4th** – ASDAN Trip
- Tues 4th** – No More Knives Y7 to Y10
- Thurs 6th** – Celebrity Masterclass – Y10 and Y12
- Frid 7th** – Celebrity Masterclass – Y7, Y8, and Y9

Assemblies

This week's topic is **British Science 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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Respectful Responsible Resilient Ready to Learn



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





WEST COVENTRY ACADEMY
PRESENTS



ROALD DAHL'S

Matilda

THE MUSICAL

27th to 29th March 2025

JR.

**SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO
BE A LITTLE BIT NAUGHTY...**

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENT PAY!



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