



# WOODFIELD ACADEMY

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## A note from the Headteacher...

The highlight of this fortnight was undoubtedly our Open Evening, and what an evening it was! We received so many kind comments from parents regarding the physical and bright changes made to the site, the wealth of resources and facilities and, best of all, the resounding positivity with which they were greeted by pupils and staff.

To be fair, our academy looked stunning, thanks to everyone's hard work and I do not think I have experienced such an amazing atmosphere on such an evening – there was so much going on and I extend my gratitude to everyone involved, particularly to our pupils, who were an absolute credit to us and to their families.

There was a real buzz regarding our forthcoming 3G pitch project, which will finally commence at half-term. This will be a full-size facility that will be a real boon to the academy and to the local community. We will be the only local school to offer such a provision. Mr Thornewill, in particular, has worked tirelessly to make this project happen and there have been many hurdles to overcome throughout the planning process. We look forward to being able to offer outdoor PE all-year round once the project is complete!

With all this going on, why would parents want their children to be educated anywhere else? It has come to my attention that a few parents in Redditch may be considering moving their 'new' Year 6 child to secondary school as early as next year. If you are considering this, please arrange to meet with me as soon as possible.

If you are aware of any prospective parents who may have missed our Open Evening, please reassure them that **they are welcome to book a tour during the school day, either by telephone or via our website.** We look forward to welcoming them!

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## Attendance

Attendance is very important to ensure pupils reach their full potential and is something that Woodfield monitors very closely.

### Attendance for the week 25/09/17 - 29/09/17

Year 5 - 97.3%      Year 6 - 94.8%

Year 7 - 95.0%      Year 8 - 96.1%

Whole School - 95.7%

Whole School Target - 93.3%

Congratulations to 7JO who achieved 99.2% the highest attendance this week.

## Important Dates



9th Oct      Parent's Meeting (4pm-7pm)

12th Oct      Year 8 Houses of Parliament Trip

18th Oct      Parent's Meeting (5pm-8pm)

23rd-27th Oct Half Term

## Rugby Training

Rugby training will be on Thursday after school for Years 7 and 8.

## Positives

Top performing classes:

**5PH-428 positives**

**6JB-816 positives**

**7GL-659 positives**

**8MT-713 positives**

Year 6 are still the top performing year group - 3106 positives with over 10,000 positives being awarded over all year groups.



## Late to School

A number of parents have contacted us to state that their children have been late to school due to the lack of buses in the mornings. We know that Diamond do not operate a dedicated 'school' bus service, but perhaps, as parents, you might like to canvas the company, to see if additional provision is possible. Diamond Buses contact number is 01527 62973.

## Woodfield Academy Uniform Policy

One small stud in each ear is permitted.

No make-up permitted.

### Boys

Plain black/grey socks

Plain black shoes

(No trainers or pump-style shoes are permitted.)

### Girls

Black skirt, pinafore dress or tailored trousers

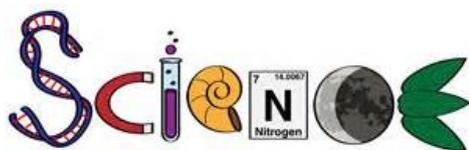
(No 'skinny' or jeans style trousers or leggings)

Skirts must be knee length when standing.

Black/white ankle socks (summer)

Plain black shoes.

(No trainers or pump style shoes)



**Doddlelearn.co.uk KS3 science homework and revision is set weekly. Please ensure your child checks Doodle regularly.**

**Teachers** can track student progress and provide instant feedback on students' work;

**Students** can access Doodle resources online and find support materials to support homework and exam revision;

**Parents** can keep track of their child's assignments and help them search through Doodle support materials. **Parents' Info Sheet** online here: [www.doddlelearn.co.uk/quickstartguides/parent](http://www.doddlelearn.co.uk/quickstartguides/parent).

### Pupil logins:

All Year 7 and 8 students have been given their Doodle login details which they have written in their planners. Go to [doddlelearn.co.uk](http://doddlelearn.co.uk) to login. Their username is their first name with a capital letter at the beginning followed by their second name with a capital letter at the beginning followed by the number 16 (for Year 7), or 15 (for year 8). There are no spaces in the username. All passwords are woodfield (no capital letters).

## Author Vist Spoz



Year 7 pupils enjoyed an exhilarating day with author and poet Giovanni "Spoz" Esposito last week. Ask a school hall full of pupils if they don't like poetry and most of their hands will shoot up. It was a very different story by the end of the day.

Spoz struck up an instant rapport with our youngsters. His boundless energy is so infectious, and he has a way of inspiring the shyest child to find the confidence to join in.

Setting team challenges to produce their own poems about chocolate, he had pupils clamouring to perform in a rap style Poetry Slam. Two teams will now have a play-off performing their poems in assembly. The winning group will then have an opportunity to compose and perform a poem at a "Voices and Vision" Poetry Slam at the Palace Theatre in the spring term.



## Amsterdam Trip-Year 8

The Amsterdam trip will be Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018.

The cost will be £410 and the deposit of £60 needs to be paid by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017. The second payment of £40 is due by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

Full details of how to pay and give consent have been sent via ParentMail.



### Provisional Itinerary

We depart on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at approx. 7.30am

We arrive back at Woodfield on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 at 9pm

You will find the accommodation details at this website -

<https://www.stayokay.com/nl/hostel/amsterdam-vondelpark>

Activities are to include – Visit to Anne Frank Museum, Westerbork Transit Camp, Theme Park, Boat Trip and Sightseeing.

## Sponsored Afternoon

Our annual sponsored afternoon will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

The children will have sponsor forms next week and have been asked not to approach strangers. This is the only event the school runs for its own benefit. Previously money has been used to purchase additional items that fall out of our school budget.

We ask that you support this please, children will be selecting their activities from next week.

## District Tournaments

Over the next three weeks the District football tournament will be taking place, these are hosted at Woodfield. Parents are welcome to come and watch and children will need to check if they have been selected. These tournaments finish at approximately at 6pm.

## 2017/2018

2017/2018 is due to be another fantastic year for enrichment activities for pupils at Woodfield. Each year group is to have their own residential trip which will raise not only their learning outside the classroom but also raise their levels of independence.

Every year group will also be taking part in at least two trips which are designed to foster a love of learning in a variety of different subject areas. These will include:

Year 5 attending Worcester Cathedral in February 2018, Year 6 attending the Black Country Museum in November 2017, Year 7 visiting Brandon Marsh and Year 8 attending the “Big Bang” at the NEC.

As well as all of this, there will be visiting workshops from scientists, authors, and historians.

What an amazing year we have ahead!

## Save the Date

Halloween Disco (whole school)

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 4:00-5:30pm

Prizes for the best costumes



Bingo Night

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 7:00pm for 7:30pm start



Christmas Fayre and Barclays Community Event

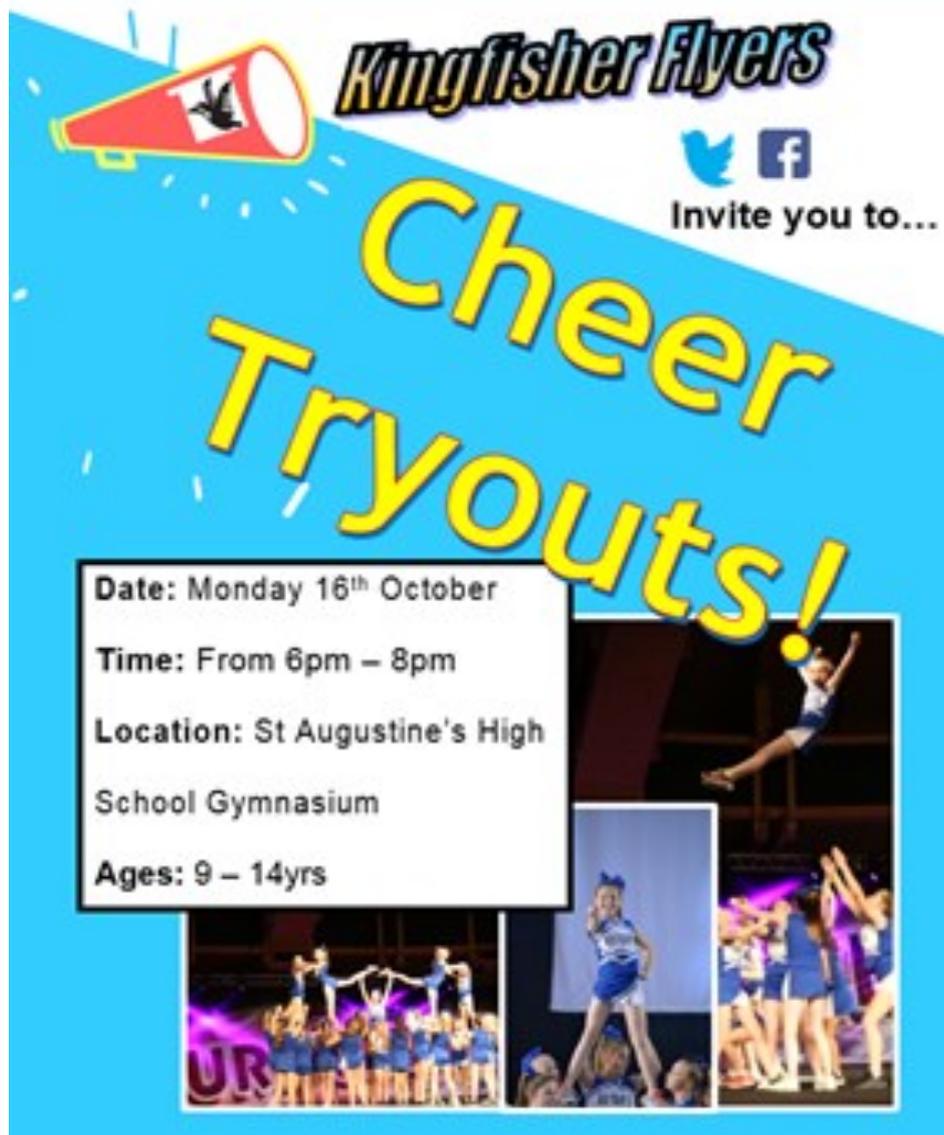
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Panto

Thursday and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December, 6:30-9:00pm



For a tryout pack please contact [cassiephilpotts@gmail.com](mailto:cassiephilpotts@gmail.com)



The poster features a blue background with a white megaphone icon on the left. The text 'Kingfisher Flyers' is written in a stylized, italicized font. Below it are the Twitter and Facebook icons, followed by the text 'Invite you to...'. The main title 'Cheer Tryouts!' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. A white box contains the following information: 'Date: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October', 'Time: From 6pm – 8pm', 'Location: St Augustine's High School Gymnasium', and 'Ages: 9 – 14yrs'. At the bottom, there are three small images: a group of cheerleaders performing a stunt, a cheerleader in a blue and white uniform, and a group of cheerleaders in blue and white uniforms.

**Kingfisher Flyers**

Invite you to...

# Cheer Tryouts!

**Date:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October  
**Time:** From 6pm – 8pm  
**Location:** St Augustine's High School Gymnasium  
**Ages:** 9 – 14yrs

Please note Woodfield Academy does not endorse external events, rather we signpost activities for those who might be interested.

## **Water Bottles**

We have secured funding for every child in Woodfield to receive a new wide necked water bottle. This makes it easier for pupils to fill them from the water coolers that we provide. They will be given out to the pupils today.