



# WOODFIELD ACADEMY

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## A note from the Headteacher...

It has been a wonderful fortnight of uplifting events to round of another great year at Woodfield Academy. We have welcomed our new Year 5 intake on our transition days, so already they are excited and raring to go before joining us in September. Our end of year celebration trips have been a great success and it was lovely to be able to send our fabulous Year 8 children off in style, in yesterday's awards assembly and their Class of 2018 prom! I would like to thank all the staff members who have made all these events happen successfully and they have provided memorable moments for so many children!

It was also a privilege to finally be able to open our new 3G pitch officially on Wednesday. Guests from all over the town were in attendance and we were grateful for the kind words of Councillor Brandon Clayton and for the ribbon-cutting services of ex-pupil (Class of 2010) Reece Daly, who now lives the footballing dream out in the USA. The pitch is finally here, people! At the ceremony I thanked Mr Thornewill, who has played a huge part in fighting for, planning, and supporting the build of the pitch and his efforts cannot be understated. This is an incredible facility and a huge boon to the young people of Redditch and to the community.

As is often the case at the end of the school year, we say goodbye to several members of staff: Miss Cross, HLTA moves on to pastures new, whilst Mr Pugh, teacher and cover supervisor and Mr Bird, our Site Manager, are both set to retire. We wish them all the very best of wishes for the future and are sad to see them leave. In brighter news, we wish Mrs Bidmead all the very best as she commences maternity leave and we wish Miss Moss early congratulations for her forthcoming wedding!

Finally, can I thank everyone: pupils, parents, staff members and Governors for your continued efforts and support to ensure yet another successful year for the academy. I wish everyone a fabulous, fun, safe and hopefully, restful summer break and I look forward to meeting everyone again in September.

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## Important Dates



20th July	Summer Term Ends		
5th Sept	Back to School	13th Mar	Yr.8 Trip to the Chateau Impney
6th Sept	School Photos	4th Apr	Yr.5 Trip to Worcester Cathedral
11th Sept	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations	10th Apr	Trampolining Reward Trip
13th Sept	New Yr. 5 Parent Coffee morning	12th Apr	Spring Term ends
1st Oct	Open Evening	29th Apr	Summer Term Starts
8th Oct	Yr. 5 Flu Vaccinations	13th-16th Apr	Yr.6 Reward Trip to Arrow Valley Lake
25th Oct	Halloween Disco	27th-31st May	Summer Half Term
29th Oct-	Autumn Half Term	17th-21st Jun	Yr.6 Trip to Forge Mill Museum
2nd Nov		4th Jul	Nurture Reward Trip to Sanders Park
6th Nov	Back to School	10th-11th Jul	Transition Days
9th Nov	Yr.5 Trip to the Space Centre	16th Jul	Yr.8 Trip to Drayton Manor
14th Nov	Yr.8 Trip to the Houses of Parliament	17th Jul	End of term Reward Trip
16th Nov	Non-School uniform (Children in Need)	18th Jul	Leavers Assembly
28th Nov	Yr.6 Trip to the Black Country Museum	18th Jul	Yr.8 Prom
7th Dec	Yr.7 Trip to the Sea Life Centre	19th Jul	Summer Term Ends
12th Dec	Ice Skating Reward Trip		
17-20th Dec	Yr.7 Trip to Malvern		
21st Dec	Autumn Term ends		
8th Jan	Spring Term Starts		
14th Feb	Valentine Disco		
18th-22nd	Spring Half Term		

## Attendance

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

### Attendance for the week 09/07/18 - 13/07/18

Year 5 - 94.5%      Year 6 - 92.2%

Year 7 - 92.6%      Year 8 - 92.6%

Whole School - 93%

Whole School Target - 95%

Congratulations to 5EK who achieved 97.8% the highest attendance last week and won a Freddo on Friday.

## Attendance for September 2018

As you know, everybody at Woodfield Academy is committed to ensuring that each of our children get the best possible start to life. One way we can do this is through ensuring regular school attendance. Evidence shows that children who attend school regularly are more successful, not only in school but in all areas of life.

We hope you will continue to support us in improving our school attendance by making sure the children are here every day and learning. Please ensure that you call the school on the first day of any absence.

**Woodfield Target is 95% - for everyday missed by a pupil it will reduce their attendance by 0.5%. If a pupil falls below 90% this is equivalent to 20 days lost in school.**

## School Crossing Patrol News

*On the very last day of term we have been advised that our school crossing patrol service is to be withdrawn. We have been informed that, 'having taken into consideration all feedback/counter proposals received by patrol staff, the decision is to delete School Crossing Patrol posts that are situated on or near to a formal crossing such as a pedestrian or zebra crossing or where there is insufficient traffic or children to meet criteria for a patrol.'*

*The School Crossing Patrol post on Studley Road has been deleted as 'the patrol is not a light controlled facility but is near where a crossing facility is provided.' We have been informed that, 'Where a School Crossing Patrol has been removed, school children will be prioritised and offered road safety education and training via the associated school.' We look forward to receiving details on this.*

This is incredibly sad news. We thank Mrs Palmer for her work in the post and wish her well in her future endeavours. In the meantime, as parents, I recommend that you write strong letters of complaint to counsellors and our MP. We have all valued the service and for it to be taken away on such a busy, dangerous road is a huge step backwards in protecting the safety of our children.



## Keep up to date with life at Woodfield

In the 2018 Autumn term, we will be releasing SIMS Parent App as a part of a digital reporting system. You will be able to access your child's school reports using an easily accessible App, or from a Web App on your PC.

As this platform builds, you will be able to:

- update key information
- view conduct and attendance summaries
- keep up to date with important school dates and activities
- receive urgent school announcements straight to your phone.

## Would you like live updates on your mobile phone or PC?

In the first week of term, invites will be sent to all parental email addresses stored in our system. This email will contain an activation code to allow you to download and log into the Parent App. The email will also contain a handy user guide to help you set up your Parent App.

If you want to be part of digital reporting, please make sure that the school has an active email account at your earliest opportunity.

## Positives

7,500 positives were awarded with Year 7 being the top performing year group with 2,178 positives.

### Top performing tutor groups:

**5DD - 448 Positives**

**6RB - 633 Positives**

**7GL - 537 Positives**

**8MT - 586 Positives**



## Midsummer Music

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June, a number of students took part in the Big Sing at Worcester Arena. This was a thrilling experience as we sang alongside nearly 1500 voices, accompanied by a live band and lead by two fantastic singers whose voices soared above ours.



Then on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June, the annual Pyramid Concert took place at Trinity High School.

This is always an enjoyable event as we listen and cheer on all the schools that take part from the First Schools, Middle Schools and Trinity High School. This year our students can be very pleased with themselves as they not only sang but performed their own accompaniment – kit drum, Tom Toms, guitars, keyboards, cornets and shakers – impressive for Years 5 and 6.

Many thanks to all those students who gave their time but above all shared their particular gifts whether they were singers or instrumentalists or both. J.M.Williams.

## Key Stage 2 Chef of the Year 2018

Students from Years 5 and 6 joined forces last week to compete for the title of 'Key stage 2 chef of the year 2018'. On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July, a total of 10 put their cooking skills to the test. This was the first time both year groups have competed against each other in the same competition. Two of the students had taken part in previous chef of the year competitions but we had many newcomers.

The competition was launched in June when students were asked to sign up if they were interested in taking part. This year's brief was to design and make a meal suitable for sale in the school canteen; a brief that had been used successfully just for Year 6 last year. The final 11 were selected from these menus and students were invited to take part in optional after school workshops to help prepare them for the final of the competition. Some students opted to practise at home. Unfortunately one student opted out of taking part which brought the final group to 10.

On the day of the final, they each made their chosen lunch meal during the first 3 lessons of the day and then laid the table, presenting their meals with homemade menus and props for the judges to enjoy.

Various members of staff took part in the judging of the competition including Mr Long (Manager of the school canteen), Mr Barnes, Miss Lawrence, Mrs Taylor & Miss Southall. All of the judges were amazed by the level of skill demonstrated by the finalists. The group were all so focussed and determined that you could have heard a pin drop at some points during the morning! They all kept their cool even when things went a little wrong.

Meals were judged based on taste, presentation and how well they had met the brief.

The overall winner was Evie Messenger, who made a pasta dish with homemade ragu sauce, accompanied by homemade ciabatta bread made into zesty garlic bread and topped with two homemade parmesan crisps! The judges were so impressed with the taste of the dish as well as presentation and were amazed that Evie had made her own bread too!

In second place was Keira Qadeer who made a very tasty meal of spicy chicken with homemade wedges and cauliflower cheese. She made the wedges from scratch and made her own marinade. The judges really enjoyed her spicy chicken and were impressed that she had made a cheese sauce from scratch using a roux.

In third place was Millie Hunt, who made a very tasty chilli con carne meal which was presented beautifully and included homemade nacho 'scoops' to dip into the chilli.

All of the students that took place did so well! They all created a lunch meal, within the time limit and enthusiastically presented their work with energy and creativity. Fantastic work!

All participants were awarded an outstanding star and certificate for their efforts as well as a personalised wooden spoon to use for future cooking. Students who achieved 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place also received a cooking themed prize which was donated by Lakeland at Webbs Garden Centre. Each of the top 3 received a 'mug bake' kit and Evie also received a bread recipe book as an extra prize for coming first.

Miss Lawrence would also like to thank the parents of all that took part, for their ongoing support with buying ingredients and for allowing the students to practise making some of the meals at home! Your help and support was much appreciated.

Next year we shall launch the Key Stage 3 competition in January followed by the Key stage 2 competition again in June. We all look forward to seeing what students come up with next year.

## Aston Villa Trip

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July some Year 8 pupils spent the day at Aston Villa FC. In the morning they had the chance to have a feel what it was like to be coached and played a mini world cup at their training facilities. In the afternoon, pupils enjoyed a tour around the stadium. It was a day enjoyed by all.



## West Midlands Safari Park

A group of Year 6 and 7 pupils spent the day at the West Midlands Safari Park. As well as observing the animals in their habitats, pupils also had the opportunity to feed the penguins and get up close and personal with a range of animals. The visit was designed to promote careers in Science and the day left many of the pupils inspired. Pupils had a talk about the kinds of animals kept at the park and were able to ask questions to the experts.



## Weston Super Mare Trip

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 63 children set off for a day at the beach and on the pier in Weston-Super-Mare. It was a glorious day and so a small group of children set off for the sea, whilst some pupils remained behind and played in the sand. As Weston is notorious for the sea being miles out at low tide and due to mud we abandoned our mission, turning back to clean off.

After our mud fiasco, we headed on to the pier and ate our lunch before enjoying a few hours on the rides and amusements in the arcade. A great day was had by all (especially the teachers) and we look forward to our next green leaf adventure. The happy smiling faces of the pupils in all year groups definitely make it all worthwhile.

Miss Doidge

## Year 8 trip to Drayton Manor

What a wonderful day we had riding the rollercoasters, getting soaked on Storm Force 10 and winning lots of cuddly teddy bears. Great way to say goodbye to our current Year 8 who have made us so proud over their four years with us. We hope they enjoyed it as much as we did...

## Ultimate Dodgeball

Well done to those pupils that qualified for the finals,. Classes 5PH, 6MH, 7LD and 8BW all took part in challenging the Ultimate Warriors, 8BW won. All money has now be collected and big thanks to parents for helping us raise £762.16.



## Top Positives Reward Trip

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July we took 20 pupils to Arrow Valley Park & Lake. This reward was for the top 20 pupils who had achieved the highest amount of Positives this half term. The weather was very kind to us and the sun shone brightly. We had a leisurely walk to the park followed by a play on the equipment and then, of course, an ice-cream! The pupils had a fabulous time and were a pleasure to take out.

Well done to everyone who has been a Top Positive Winner this year.

Mrs Dean & Miss Gorton.

