

THE WIGHTWICK WAY

WELCOME

Summer is just around the corner and Exam Fever has started!

Whilst we're very much in 'assessment season' for many of our students across school, some of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students are now about to sit, or have just started, their formal GCSE examinations in English, Maths and Science! We hope that you'll join us in wishing them the very best of luck in all of their exams. Let's hope that the wait for results over the Summer break is considerably easier - for the staff as well as the students!

Good Luck, everyone!

We welcome Sharni Rose Sanders-Bunce who has been with us since January on Supply and who, from 7th June will become an employee of Wightwick Hall School. She already fits in brilliantly and has big ideas for starting a Martial Arts club after school (watch this space!)

National Apprenticeship & Careers Trip - Years 9-14 students from Bannatyne & Willow went to Millennium Point in Birmingham for the day which provided them the opportunity to speak to employers and careers advisors in order to gain an insight into the educational opportunities available after Wightwick. They all came back loaded with freebies and hopefully some inspiration too!

Have a Lovely Whitsun (hopefully see some sun too!)
See you back in school on Monday 3rd June 2024

Interesting fact ; This year so far the School has saved 4,905 trees through recycling shredded paper.

REVIEW



We were delighted to host our first Careers fair at Wightwick Hall School on 14th May. We had approximately 22 providers and companies come in to speak to the students about their future options. Many providers and companies volunteered to be part of the day, such as the Army, Royal Navy, BBC, Nationwide, local colleges, NHS, and more. Students were given allocated time slots to go around the fair to collect resources, interact with the volunteers, ask lots of questions, and take part in the activities. A feedback form was sent out to all the providers and companies that attended the Careers Fair:

- 'Children were engaged and interested and seemed to enjoy their time with us. Very well organised.'
- 'Good range of providers, staff knowing their students interests and directing them to appropriate providers'
- 'It was really lovely to meet the students and have a chat with them. The staff were welcoming, the other organisations were friendly. Great atmosphere. The school is doing a brilliant job at organising events like this, especially for those students leaving school and looking into what's next, but it is brilliant that the school is introducing careers to younger students as well.'
- 'Great to meet the students for them to build up their confidence, be able to see career opportunities they perhaps hadn't thought about. Allotted time slots great idea and keep the day consistent flow for providers, hospitality amazing'
- 'Positive attitude of students and staff. Interesting and varied range of delegates. Small groups of students attending at different times meant not crowded and time to speak to students. Tea and cakes!'
- 'Every student had the same opportunities. Teachers encouraged the students to ask questions.'

We are so proud of all the student's behaviour on the day and this is evident from the positive comments. Following the success of this year's Careers Fair we are planning to make it an annual event. With some of the providers/companies already requesting to be part of our next one. Please see the gallery for a selection of photos from the day.

JUNE EVENTS



- 24th June - Transition Coffee Morning for new Banntyne Students
- 26th June - Leavers Assembly at 2:15pm
- 27th June - Transition Coffee morning for new Willow students
- 28th June - Official leaving date for older students not returning to 6th Form



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SCHOOL NEWS



Save the Date for National Thank a Teacher Day!
National Thank a Teacher Day is set to take place on Wednesday 19th June! With school prizes, competitions, and a host of fun, on-the-day activities and resources linked to the PSHE curriculum, get ready to join us in celebrating the efforts of the UK's amazing early years, school and college staff.

From our inspiring teachers to our dedicated dinner helpers, teaching assistants and librarians, this year is about thanking everyone in the teaching community. Together with the local and national press, we will be shining the spotlight on the incredible work teachers and support staff do in our early years, schools and colleges.

- Help us to spread the word about National Thank a Teacher Day!
- Say Thank You! - Encourage parents and pupils to send a FREE e-card to someone who's made a difference. Check out the thank you messages your school has received via [your school's dashboard here](#). Need help setting one up? [Drop us an email](#), we're here to help.
 - Share Our Assets - [Download and share](#) our assets with your community - print them out or post them on social media to get the word out!

Don't miss out on the fun! Register your interest or [follow us on X](#) to get the latest updates on our celebrity competitions and giveaways, as well as the celebrations that will be taking place across the UK.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
Watch last year's National Thank a Teacher Day video on Youtube featuring none other than Sir Michael Morpurgo, Dame Joanna Lumley, David Walliams and Nadiya Hussain. Their support last year helped us to create something truly special, and we're all about creating that same sparkle this year.



LATEST NEWS

WMSSSA Football tournament at Wolves FC Dome


April this year, Wightwick Hall School finished in 3rd place overall in the WMSSSA Football tournament at Wolves FC Dome. We entered a KS3 and KS4 team with both teams really working well together and putting in some excellent performances to represent their school team. Both teams won numerous games within the event including the KS4 team winning their individual league and making it to the semi-finals of the overall event. There were some fantastic performances from students and some great goals to accommodate that. An overall brilliant day for the students to get involved with and one that all enjoyed!



Golden Ticket Winner to be announced on Friday 24th May



UP-COMING EVENTS



Coffee Mornings on Fridays 10:00 - 11:30am
1st & 2nd July - Transition days for all students
5th July - Summer Fair & BBQ - 6pm - 8pm
12th July - School Prom
19th July - School Closes for the summer break.

School re-opens on 4th September 2024
12th September 2024 - Tempest photography will be in school for the new Autumn term.

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STAFF PROFILE

Name: Mrs Sarah Owen
Leader of Pastoral Support & Transition &
Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Here are some of my favourite things!

Favourite Colour:
Pink

Favourite Band: (Singer)
Coldplay

Favourite Sporting Team:
Vitality Roses

Favourite Book:
Watership Down

What animal would you be and why?
A Dog (I love them) enjoy my exercise
then sleep all day!

Best Film you can watch over and over:
Sound of Music

Invite three guests for lunch, who would
they be?
Paul O'Grady, Tina Turner, Amy
Winehouse

Apart from working at Wightwick, what
would your dream job be?
Own and run my own caravan/camping
site by the coast

What do you value the most and why?
Kids and close family (hubby + Parents.
They are the most important people in my
life and it makes me happy spending time
with them.

OUR TERM HICKMAN HOUSE



3LT - Hickman House

Students have learned all about how plants grow completing a range of activities. We have grown a selection of plants in the class room on the windowsill and outside. We produced a hanging basket with the plants we have grown.



Students also engaged in a creative outdoor activity where they could extract colours from flowers and plants.

Students foraged around the school grounds for a range of plants and colourful flowers. Each student used a piece of cloth over their chosen plants and used a rolling pin to apply force to extract the colours.



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Wightwick Hall Leavers

My time at Wightwick Hall School

Hello my name is Jasmine Pitt I started Wightwick in September 2016. I was in Mrs Garen's when I first started in year 7.

My favourite lessons would be Art, Science. I have made friends but I have had three special friends.

I loved it when we went on reward trips and went to Tettenhall Rotary club Drayton Manor, McDonald's, Lazer Tag

We went on Residential at Standen Bowers and we did lots of stuff but my favourite was going down to the caves and to be able to have sleepover with my friends and getting the staff joining in with us.

My Memories of Wightwick Hall School that they are very funny, enjoyable, sad. It has been funny because of my mates doing stupid stuff and making me laugh, and helping me enjoy my time here faster because I didn't want to come because of missing my best friend in my old school. It was enjoyable because of my mates and the teachers making in funny and making us laugh.

My sad memories are one of my best friends passed away in 2021 and that was the hardest thing that happened. It will be the hardest thing when leave because of Wightwick being the last place and my memories of her.

I will be sad to leave this place being it full of memories. Also because of most of the teachers but the main ones are Mrs Garen, Mrs Jones, Mrs Francis, Mrs Black and Mr James because they have been there for me when I needed it but Mr James has done a lot for me and my mom because I was a little brat at times to my mom.

Sixth form I have been in sixth form since 2022 and have had had up and downs. We have had loss but we have got through it together. But I have enjoyed my time here and the friends that I have made and I personally think that this school have done wonders for me and my home life too. This school is brilliant and will help other in need.

Thank you for putting up with me

All the staff at Wightwick wish all our leavers the best in their future endeavours.

OUR TERM 3DBA News

Dominique, Shelley and all children of 3DBA would like to say a massive thank you to Jo @theshinebooks who kindly donated two of her books to our class. Jo is a teacher herself, a children's author and an advocate for SEND. Her motto is 'time to shine, raising awareness, normalising conditions and removing the stigma'.

These children's books that Jo donated titled, 'Priya - a panda with Dyspraxia' and 'Charlie - a chimpanzee with ADHD', have allowed our children to develop an understanding and acceptance of 'differences'.

Jo can be found on instagram @theshinebooks and also books can be purchased from Amazon.

They truly are a remarkable read. 3DBA highly recommend.

Thanks again Jo for your kind heart warming gesture!



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USEFUL INFORMATION

Take a look @ the new school planners P179 - 184 on device and internet safety

Safeguarding@ Wightwick Hall School

We strive to:

- Protect children from maltreatment.
- Prevent impairment of our children's mental & physical health and development
- Ensure that our children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care.
- Take action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Mrs Green - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Owen - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Miss Griffith - SENCO & Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Scott - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Rowley - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Miss Higgs - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Want to be a Parent Governor?

We are currently looking for a new parent governor to join our friendly local governing board.

Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:-

- Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- Is community spirited and would like to represent the community
- Has spare time and the energy for the role
- Is able to work well as part of a team
- Has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school
- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements

If you are interested in finding out more about what this entails, please contact Julie Haynes on j.haynes@wightwickhall.staffs.sch.uk, who can send you further information, along with an application form.



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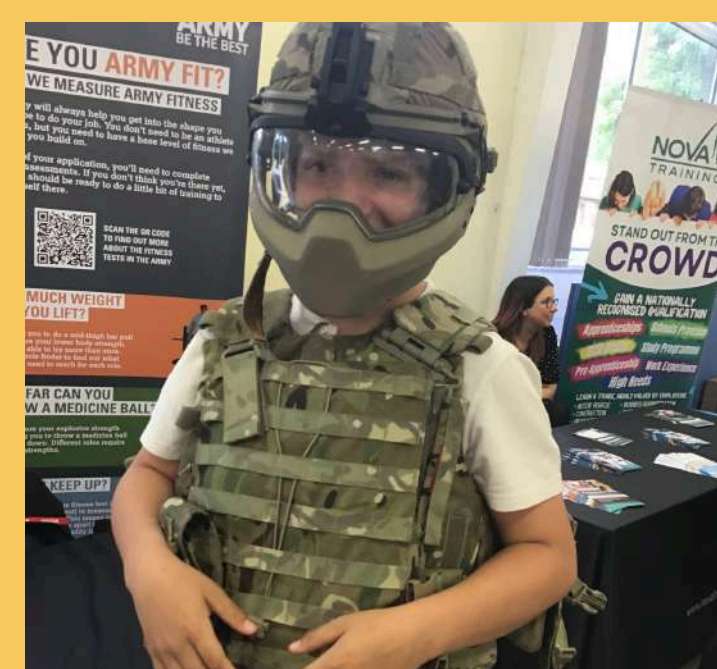


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