



2nd October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I have been at Wordsley for four weeks now, I thought it might be a good time to make contact again with some reflections on the start of term. Firstly, it has been an absolute pleasure to get to know the students. I have really enjoyed the opportunity to get to connect with so many of our young people whether that be through my assemblies last week, chatting to them whilst out on duty or meeting them during lessons. We have a huge number of incredible pupils at Wordsley; they are polite, friendly and eager to succeed. Over the coming weeks, I hope to start recognising the achievements of these pupils, celebrating their successes with them and their families and giving them opportunities to develop themselves even further.

Meet the Headteacher

Another highlight for me has been meeting the parents and carers of some of our pupils. It was lovely to see so many of you at the 'Meet the Head teacher' sessions on Wednesday 20th September. I hope you valued the opportunity to find out a little more about me and the type of school I would like Wordsley to be, as much as I appreciated your feedback, thoughts and questions. We are a school that serves our community and developing positive working relationships with our families is incredibly important. Ultimately, we want the same thing, namely for your child to be happy and successful. As requested on the evening, I will be arranging future sessions where you will be given the opportunity to have an input into the school. Following feedback received on the evening, I am also looking into ways to communicate more effectively with parents.

Year 11 Next Steps

On Wednesday 27th September, we held an event in school where Year 11 students and their parents could meet with education, training and apprenticeship providers. This was very well attended and provided a wealth of information to our Year 11s. It was nice to see how enthused they were with the opportunities on offer. Hopefully this will provide them with the extra motivation they need in their final year at the school. Thank you to Miss Shaw, Mr Fisher and Mr Brain for their parts in arranging this.

Code of Conduct

I would like to ask that you take the time to discuss the school code of conduct with your child ([link](#)). Along with our school values, this is one of the foundations of our school and outlines our expectations for all children who attend Wordsley. It is vitally important that pupils are clear on our expectations so that they are able to make the right choices and behave in a way that enables staff to teach, and other pupils to learn. I discussed this with pupils in assembly time last week to ensure that pupils are clear on what we expect from them with regard to standard of uniform and equipment, as well as behaviour in lessons and at social times. I will also highlight to pupils the importance of embodying our school values, especially kindness and respect which I hold in such high regard.

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Class Charts

In order for you as parents to be more informed on how your child is behaving in school, we at Wordsley have invested in Class Charts. This will give you up to date information on any positives and negatives your child has received, as well as informing you of any upcoming detentions. Homework will also be set on Class Charts from now on, whereas Years 8-11 will continue to use Satchel One up until Christmas, when Sims and Satchel One will be phased out. Letters with login details have been sent home with your child. If you still have not received them, please email info@wordsley.dudley.sch.uk and the login details will be emailed to you. Class Charts is a widely used and well received package. I hope you find it useful.

Year 7 Parents Evening

In order for parents/carers to see how Year 7 students have settled in, there will be a parents' evening on Wednesday 11th October 3.30pm to 5.30pm. This will provide an opportunity to meet your child's form teacher and ask questions about their early weeks at the school. I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Extra-Curricular

The extra-curricular programme is up and running, with a lot of exciting opportunities for students to sign up to at lunchtimes and after school. This includes a wide range of activities, including sports, games and the arts. I would urge you to encourage your child to take part in what is on offer. Please see the programme for more details at the following link <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b6EySzCuYII-UUts69d-2YfmH6Svlljk/view?usp=sharing>

It has been a busy four weeks in school, where we have been preparing opportunities for our students and for you as parents/carers to come into school. These are two of my main priorities, with more to come. I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming weeks and months.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Weatherhogg
Headteacher

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