

11th April 2025

#### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Today we reach the end of a very long but positive term here at Wordsley. The unusually late Easter has meant that school closes today, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025, at 3.05pm. This letter will just outline some key dates and messages ready for next half term.

#### **Key Dates**

The school will re-open on Monday 28th April at 2025 at 8.30am.

A reminder that Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 is a bank holiday, so school will be closed on that day. Next half term is a busy but short one, with the Whitsun holiday beginning on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 3.05pm.

## Year 11 Exams

When Year 11 return we will enter the exam period very quickly. Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May is the Animal Care exam for the Halesowen College Consortium pupils. Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May exams begin in school, with BTEC Sport, Drama and Spanish Speaking exams. From then on, exams will be daily. Please see the exam timetable for dates and times on the school website here:

https://www.wordsleyschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Exam-Timetable-2025.pdf

#### Year 10 Mock Exams

Year 10 mock exams will begin the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025. A timetable and guidance on what to revise will come out after the holiday. These provide a great opportunity to experience the exam process and for teachers to see where the pupils are at in terms of their progress. They will also inform predicted grades, with pupils applying to colleges and employers at the start of Year 11.

Year 10 parents evening will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Parents and carers will be able to meet subject teachers who will provide advice and guidance that will help them prepare for these mock exams. Year 10 will then go on work experience on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June. This is a brilliant chance to experience the world of work and provide a taste of what certain careers are like.

## Year 8 Parents Evening

A reminder that Year 8 parents evening has been re-scheduled to Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Parents and carers will have the opportunity to meet form tutors to review progress, attitude to learning and behaviour.

## <u>Attendance</u>

Attendance to school has improved significantly this year at Wordsley and I thank you for your support with this. Academic progress and future career prospects are all linked to attendance, as the more of school you miss the further you fall behind. Those pupils who attend regularly are rewarded in a variety of ways to encourage them to attend. I need to remind parents that holidays in term time are not permitted and fines are likely to be issued.

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## Uniform

The pupils at Wordsley look smart and wear the uniform well in most cases. However, there are a few issues with a small number of pupils that need to be rectified. These include:

- Leggings are not allowed. School trousers or a school skirt of the appropriate length should be worn.
- Ties should be worn at all times.
- No hoodies or tracksuit coats are allowed. Waterproof coats worn outside of the blazer, not underneath or instead of.
- No facial piercings should be worn.
- All black shoes appropriate for school. Please do not be surprised if you are contacted regarding uniform issues after the holiday.

I wish your family a restful and enjoyable Easter.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Ashley Weatherhogg Headteacher