



Moving Forward Together!

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a brilliant first month back to school here at West Midlands Education and Skills and hope that all our students are happy and settled back into the school routine. At West Midlands Education and Skills this month, we have great news and would gladly like to commemorate Lauren's success as our new Deputy Head of School. We as a school would also like to remind parents about the Parents Evening this month and look forward showcasing the school and discussing the new changes to our school. Helen, Lauren and all the staff at WMES look forward to talking and meeting with you all!

Parents Evening

As many of you are aware, we are having our first ever Parents Evening here at West Midlands Education and Skills from 4pm to 6pm on Wednesday 5th October. Helen, our Head of School, invites all the parents of our students to attend and become familiar with her and the changes to our school. This is the perfect opportunity for parents and staff to discuss the progress of students and show the hard work of our students so far this year. We will also be offering tea, coffee and biscuits for parents to enjoy - can't wait for you to join us!



"Somewhere inside all of us is the power to change the world." - Roald Dahl

Term dates

Just a reminder about the half term dates for this month. Students break up for half term on Friday 21st October and are expected to return to school on Monday 31st October.

Black History Month

This month is Black History month and as a school we look forward to teaching students about influential and important black figures. We hope the students submerge themselves into their learning of this important topic. We look forward to showcasing all the brilliant work our students will be doing on this topic this month.

Educational Trips

Already this month, students have been working hard and enjoyed educational trips outside of school. This month, students were able to go to the Thinktank Science Museum in Birmingham. Our students, reflected so positively on their trips creating some outstanding pieces of work about the Thinktank Science Museum. We look forward to showcasing more photos of our trips in the following months.



Newsletter

Accelerated Reader

We are delighted to announce we now have the accelerated reader program to assist our students with their reading. The program is used to monitor students reading progress, check their understanding of books they have read and allows tutors to support their students reading and English skills more effectively. Parents will be receiving a letter from the school concerning the accelerated reader program and how to access the program from home.



Class Dojo

We at West Midlands Education and Skills know that Class Dojo is still relatively new to many parents and even staff. We hope that parents are becoming much more familiar with Class Dojo, contacting school staff and following school updates. Parents can now give their children points for their behaviour on Class Dojo as well as tutors and progress of students can be monitored more effectively for both parents and staff.



General Reminders

- Students should be attending school everyday for a minimum of 5 hours a day - 25 hours a week. Please ensure students are attending and if for any reason your child is absent, please contact the school before 9am on 01922 643 303.
- Mobile phones - we are aware that many of our students have mobile phones with them during school, however we encourage students to have these on silent during lesson time. Students will have opportunity to use them during their break times.
- Please ensure students are dressed appropriately for their PE lessons, in comfortable clothes and trainers.
- Please ensure that students are wearing their lanyard provided to them by the school, if for any reason they do not have a lanyard please do not hesitate to contact the school and provide an updated photo of your child if required.